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TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1898.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 3:00 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Acting Chairman, and Commissioners BURLINGHAM, HURLBUT, MACK and MCSWEENY—5.

The Minutes of December 27th, 1897, page 868, 8th line from top were amended by striking out the word "day" and inserting the word "pay."

The Minutes of December 20th, 1897, were amended on page 849, 10th line from the bottom, by striking out the amount "$216.50" and inserting "$226.50."

On motion of Commissioner MCSWEENY, the Minutes of December 20th, 1897, were also amended on page 846, last line from bottom, by striking out the last portion of line commencing "New beams," etc., and on page 847, first six lines, and inserting:

"New beams had been put in under floor of Primary Assembly "Room two years ago, and under floor of Grammar Assembly "Room one year ago, and as the ground underneath lower floor "had been excavated to the depth of about 30 inches and the "surface concreted, preventing dampness from rising, makes a "great improvement in sanitary condition of the classrooms, "but would suggest that the Janitor be instructed to remove the "cold weather covers from gratings securing openings, both in "front and rear of building, at such times as may be practicable, "so as to allow the free circulation and renewal of air underneath "this floor."

Commissioner MACK moved that the Minutes of December 20th and 27th, as amended, be approved.

Adopted.

In response to an advertisement inserted in the *City Record* for ten days, soliciting proposals for erecting New Public School 44, southeast corner of Hubert and Collister streets, the following bids were received:

PUBLIC SCHOOL 44.

Murphy Brothers,	$204,663
P. J. Brennan,	198,000
Thomas Cockerill & Son,	204,000
Jones & O'Connor,	193,931
Charles A. Cowen,	210,475
T. Mahoney & Sons,	212,900
Mapes-Reeve Construction Co.,	197,000
P. Gallagher,	207,724
Luke A. Burke,	198,000

Ordered, That the certified checks of all but the two lowest bidders, Messrs. Jones & O'Connor and the Mapes-Reeve Construction Co., be returned, and the matter of award of contract laid over until the next meeting.

Public School 54.—From the City Superintendent recommending that the room which has been chosen for cooking by the Principal and Supervisor, and which is now used by the Janitor, be fitted up as a classroom for children of the Fourth Grade, at present on the refused list. (See Minutes, pages 792, 812, 827, 844 and 866.)

A communication was received from the Committee on Instruction, stating that it had given this matter careful consideration, and has decided that the room in question should be fitted up as a kitchen for the accommodation of the cooking class.

Commissioner MACK moved that the recommendation of the Committee on Instruction be approved and the Superintendent directed to have the necessary work done.

Adopted.

Communication from the City Superintendent relative to the desire of Mr. Damrosch, Supervisor of Music, to have permis-

sion for the Special Teachers of Music to meet Principals and Teachers of the schools in school buildings about once a week, between the hours of three and four P. M., etc. (See Minutes, pages 830, 846 and 866.)

Laid over awaiting a further report from the City Superintendant.

Public Schools 23 and 108.—Communication from the Board of Inspectors of the Third School District calling attention to the very crowded and unhealthy condition of the schools. (See Minutes, page 866.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Instruction.

Public School 133.—Communication from the Clerk of the Board stating that lease of premises One hundred and sixty-seventh street and the Southern Boulevard, used as an Annex, expires on March 24th, 1898.

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Instruction.

Public School 136.—Matter of complaint against Mr. William J. McLaughlin, Janitor. (See Minutes, pages 861 and 867.)

The Superintendent submitted a communication stating that Mr. James Loures, Patrolman, 7th Precinct, called on the 30th ult., and upon being questioned stated that on December 11th, 1897, it was reported at the Station House that there was trouble at Public School 136 and he was sent down there to quell the disturbance. Upon arrival he found the Janitor's nose bleeding and he claimed to have been assaulted by three men in front of the school. The Patrolman then dispersed the crowd which had gathered, and had a talk with the Janitor, who in his opinion was not in any way intoxicated, and was not arrested.

Ordered, That the complaint be dismissed.

Communication submitted by the Acting Chairman to the effect that on the site of the new Hall of the Board, Fifty-ninth

street and Park avenue, on the Fourth avenue side, there is an old stone stairway leading down to the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. tracks, at which place there was formerly a station, but has since been filled in, etc., etc. (See Minutes, page 872.)

The Acting Chairman reported that a letter had been written to the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, signed by the President of the Board, asking that the Railroad Company relinquish their claim to this portion of the property.

Ordered, That the matter be dropped from the Calendar until further information is received.

Public School 10.—Communication from the City Superintendent relative to Kitchen, etc., etc. (See Minutes, page 873.)

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the contract for fitting up the southwest room in the building for culinary purposes had been let and the work commenced.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

Public School 25.—Communication from the City Superintendent relative to Kitchen, etc., etc. (See Minutes, page 872.)

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the contract had been let for fitting up the east end of the Gymnasium with fixtures necessary for a cooking class, and specifications are now being prepared for removing partition between the two north rooms and erecting a partition enclosing the cooking room, as requested by the City Superintendent.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

Public School 37.—Application from the Janitor to be transferred to another school.

The Superintendent suggested that Daniel Riordan, Janitor of P. S. 37, be transferred to janitorship of P. S. 46, and that Thomas R. Brown, Janitor of P. S. 46, be transferred to janitorship of P. S. 37, to take effect February 1, 1898.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent be approved and a resolution presented to the Board making the transfers in accordance therewith.

Adopted.

Public Schools 53 and 108.—Communication from Clarence E. Meleney, Assistant Superintendent, relative to the overcrowded condition of the buildings, the need of enlargement of same, etc., etc.

Ordered, That the communication be referred to the Committee on Sites.

Public Schools 77 and 96.—(See Minutes, p. 817.) The Superintendent reported in regard to communication from the City Superintendent as to arrangement of furniture, etc., in these schools, that he has had an investigation made, and finds that at P. S. 77, to remedy entirely the defects complained of, would necessitate refurnishing the building with adjustable furniture. In cases where the children's feet do not touch the floor, foot benches have been ordered. At P. S. 96 it is found that by providing foot rests, all the children in the M. D. and F. D. can be made comfortable.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the matter be referred to Commissioner McSweeny for a report.

Adopted.

Public School 87.—Communication from Bernard J. Isecke relative to contract of William Daniels for repairs, etc., 1894.

Ordered, That the matter be laid over.

Public School 73.—Communication from Janitor asking for an increase of salary on account of additional lots which have been improved for school purposes.

Girls' High School.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of living apartments in the building having been altered for school purposes.

The Superintendent reported that according to the By-Laws these Janitors were entitled to an increase in their salaries as follows:

School.	Annual Salary..	Increase.	To Take Effect.
Public School 73,	. $1,833	$130	Sept. 15, 1897.
Girls' High School,	. 1,638	39	May 1, 1897.

Granted.

Public School 156.—The Superintendent recommended that Andrew J. Maguire be appointed to the janitorship of new school building One hundred and thirty-fifth to One hundred and thirty-sixth streets and Cypress avenue, his name having been certified by the New York City Civil Service Commission as being eligible for the position; to take effect January 5, 1898. Salary of the position $1,989 per year, including $221 for house rent, or $153 per one-thirteenth payment.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent be approved and a report presented to the Board confirming the nomination.

Adopted.

From the Clerk of the Board, enclosing communications from the Principal E. S. 59, relative to transferring kitchen to another part of the building, and from the Principal of the New York Evening High School (P. S. 67), recommending that the building be lighted by electric lights; referred from the Evening School Committee.

Commissioner MACK moved that the matter be laid over for a report from the Superintendent.

Adopted.

Public School 81.—Bill of William J. Oliver for services as Acting Janitor for the month of December, 1897, $145.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that Mr. Oliver was still in charge of the building, no permanent Janitor having been appointed, and was entitled to payment for his services at the rate of $145 per payment, the regular salary of the position exclusive of the heating apparatus.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the bill be approved and a report presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation.

Adopted.

Public School 150.—Bill of John H. Fagan, Janitor P. S. *109, for* services as Acting Janitor from December 1st, 1897, to *January 1st, 1898.*

The Deputy Superintendent reported that Mr. Fagan was still in charge of the building and entitled to payment for his services at the rate of $99 per payment, the regular salary of the position.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the bill be approved and a report presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation.

Adopted.

Communication from Messrs. Blake & Williams, submitting a statement of extra work performed by them on several contracts, and stating that they are willing to waive all payment for same, if allowed to omit back screens on radiators and coils, where called for in specifications, Public Schools 81, 154 and 155.

Commissioner BURLINGHAM moved that the matter be laid over for a report from the Superintendent.

Adopted.

Public School 123.—Communication from Mrs. Daniel P. Hays, Inspector Twenty-seventh School District, relative to want of light in two inside rooms, recommending that skylights be enlarged, etc.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that new Public School 157, St. Nicholas avenue and One hundred and twenty-seventh street would be opened not later than September 1st, 1898, and it was the intention to transfer the children from P. S. 123 to that building, and to enlarge the skylights, as suggested, at the present time, would necessitate closing the school besides incurring an expense of about $300.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that Mrs. Hays be informed, that in the opinion of this Committee, it would not be advisable at the present time to enlarge the skylights in P. S. 123, as it would necessitate the closing of the school; further, that Public School 157 would be ready for occupancy September 1st, 1898, after which time this building will be no longer required.

Adopted.

Public School 23.—The Superintendent reported having ex-

cused Timothy J. O'Brien, Janitor, for absence on January 4th and 5th, 1898, on account of the death of his father, he having given the name and address of the Assistant whom he intended to leave in charge.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Public School 24.—Communication from the Principal asking to have her wardrobe transferred from the wardrobe room to Room No. 5 B.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that he had explained to Miss Shires that the Board of Education had used every effort to remove wardrobes from classrooms in the new buildings and a considerable sum of money would be expended in the old buildings for the same purpose, but she, however, thinks the convenience would more than counterbalance the annoyance caused by wet clothing, etc.

Commissioner BURLINGHAM moved that the request be denied, as this Committee does not approve of placing wardrobes in classrooms.

Adopted.

Public School 81.—The Superintendent stated that the contractor supplying furniture to this school, delivered settees with solid backs, instead of slat backs, as specified, and recommended that this change be approved, as the solid backs are considered equally good.

Commissioner MACK moved that the substitution be approved.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT, Sub-Committee on Janitors, presented the following report, which was ordered printed in the Minutes:

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: The "Sub-Committee on Janitors" held meetings on December 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st, 1897, and on Janu-

ary 3d, 1898, and interviewed the Janitors of the school buildings and annexes, numbering 165. All presented themselves.

Because of the erection recently of quite a number of very extensive school buildings and because of the fact that the amount allowed for the payment of Janitors' salaries for the year 1898 is $318,608 besides the amounts required for Evening Schools and Evening Lectures, it was thought advisable to ascertain the proportionate salaries of the Janitors throughout the system, and also their *net* compensation.

The By-Laws respecting Janitors' salaries allow payment, first for "building measurement," second for "sidewalk area," and third for "use of heating apparatus," and also allow Janitors for Evening Schools from $2.25 to $3.25 per night (according to attendance), and Janitors of schools where Evening Lectures are held $2.00 per night. Janitors of the Evening High Schools receive $3.25 per night. The Evening Schools are open 90 nights, the Evening High Schools 120 nights, and about 100 Evening Lectures are delivered.

An investigation showed that the salaries ranged from a minimum of $533 to a maximum of $4,992 per annum, and in addition the compensation where there were Evening Schools or Evening Lectures. An analysis of the figures furnished by the Janitors upon examination individually showed that the net amounts realized varied from $76 to $2,260 per annum.

The greatest number of Janitors' Assistants employed in any one school was eight, the average being about three. The majority of the Assistants are boarded and lodged at the Janitors' expense; their salaries range from $8 to $50 per month, and the calculated cost of boarding from $3.50 to $7.00 per week apiece.

It was also found that there are 43 buildings having no Assistants sleeping in them, 101 in which one Assistant sleeps, and 12 School Buildings in which more than one sleep, contrary to the regulation recently passed by your Committee, all except one lodger having been ordered out of the buildings.

As a result of this investigation a revision of the By-Laws regulating the salaries of Janitors and the rules and regulations in

regard to their Assistants would seem to be not only just and proper but an absolute necessity.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. HURLBUT,
Sub-Committee on Janitors.

NEW YORK, January 4, 1898.

Commissioner HURLBUT, in connection with the above, offered the following:

Resolved, That all Janitors' apartments in school buildings be altered to the best advantage for school purposes.

Adopted.

Public School 9.—Commissioner HURLBUT, Sub-Committee on Janitors, submitted a communication which had been received from Charles F. Fontham, No. 62 West Ninety-ninth street, stating that the Janitor of the above building was indebted to him for the amount of $52 for rent, which had been standing for about two years.

Mr. Alfred Hawes, Janitor, appeared before the Committee and stated that this matter had been satisfactorily settled.

Ordered, That the matter be dropped from the Calendar.

Public Schools 44 and 96.—Commissioner HURLBUT, Sub-Committee on Janitors, submitted communications stating that the Janitors of these Schools were owing bills which have been outstanding for some time, and moved that they be summoned to appear before this Committee at the next meeting.

Adopted.

Public School 58.—Communication from the City Superintendent stating that in view of the fact that a Parochial School one block to the west of this school was opened in September last, there is but one class of Grade 1A in the P. D. instead of four classes as formerly. None of the classes has an attendance of over sixty, and there is no refused list, and recommending that the room on the ground floor be fitted up for Kindergarten purposes. (See Minutes, pp. 433, 478 and 514.)

The Deputy Superintendent reported that no further steps had been taken in regard to fitting up this room for a 1A grade class as suggested by the City Superintendent, with the exception of ordering slate, which can be used for Kindergarten class, as action was delayed at the request of the Principal.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Instruction.

Public Schools 151 and 154.—Mr. P. J. Walsh, Contractor for erecting new school buildings, appeared before the Committee and asked to be released from furnishing bonds for a longer time on these contracts.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the matter be referred to the Acting Chairman and the Superintendent, with power.

Adopted.

Public Schools 98 and 138.—From the Committee on Instruction stating that a communication had been received from the Inspectors of the Thirty-fifth School District, asking to have a Kindergarten formed at Williamsbridge in connection with these schools, suggesting that a room in the Methodist Church located in that vicinity, be leased for the purpose, and requesting a report as to whether the room is suitable for the purpose.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to Commissioner Hurlbut for a report.

Public Schools 34 and 53.—From the Committee on Instruction recommending, that as twelve new classrooms will be opened in P. S. 34 next month, six of which will be assigned to the P. D., the southeast corner room, second floor, be fitted up for a Kindergarten.

Further stating that at P. S. 53 there is no room that could be fitted up for a Kindergarten unless the Janitor's apartments are altered for the purpose, which is not recommended, but an addition to the school should be erected on Eightieth street, an extension of the new wing toward the west, when one of the rooms could be used for a Kindergarten.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that as far as the report applies to P. S. 34 it be approved and referred to the Superintendent to carry out, and that the matter of P. S. 53 be referred to him for a report.

Adopted.

Public School 84.—Communication from the Committee on Instruction, stating that at this school there is no place for a cooking class unless one of the Janitor's rooms are selected for the purpose, and approving the suggestion of the City Superintendent that the Janitor be removed and his rooms equipped for a cooking class.

Commissioner BURLINGHAM moved that the Janitor be notified to find living apartments outside the school, and steps taken to carry out the suggestions of the Committee on Instruction.

Adopted.

Public School 10.—(See Minutes, p. 844.) Communication from the Committee on Instruction stating that the Principal of the P. D. has decided to withdraw her opposition to another Kindergarten class, and requesting that necessary steps be taken at once to fit up the room for Kindergarten purposes.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the recommendation of the Committee on Instruction be approved and the necessary steps taken to fit up the room as suggested.

Adopted.

From the Progressive Literary Society asking to be granted the use of a school building in the vicinity of East One hundred and tenth street for club room purposes.

Commissioner MACK moved that the application be denied as this Committee does not deem it advisable to grant any more such privileges until the success of granting the use of Public School 20 for Boys' and Girls' Clubs can be determined.

Adopted.

Public School 97.—Communication from Cornelius and Patrick Ryan, Contractors for erecting new Annex, etc., asking for an extension of time on their contract, in order that a payment now due, may be released.

Commissioner McSweeny moved that the payment, if due, be released, and the matter of an extension of time considered when contract is finally completed.

Adopted.

The Acting Chairman respectfully reported having signed the following specifications, in approval for the Committee, on December 30th, 1897:

Public School 96.—Gymnastic Apparatus.

Public School 120.—Erecting new wings and improving premises of.

Public School 113.—Improving Lots Nos. 32 and 32½ Carmine street, in rear of.

Public School 168.—Erecting a new building, One hundred and fourth and One hundred and fifth streets, between First and Second avenues.

Public School 42.—Heating and Ventilating Apparatus and Electric Lighting Plant.

Commissioner Burlingham moved that the action of the Acting Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The Acting Chairman reported having made the following appropriations for bills incurred on Emergency Orders of Janitors, duly countersigned.

"SANITARY WORK, CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF."

Appropriations Nos. 198–211, inclusive, aggregating	$72 07

"REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS."

Appropriations Nos. 143–156, inclusive, aggregating	$101 12

"INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, WARD SCHOOLS—REPAIRS."

Appropriations Nos. 4,289-4,325, inclusive, aggregating $209 69

Commissioner McSWEENY moved that the action of the Acting Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The Acting Chairman reported having approved the increase of rent allowance of Janitors of P. S. 24 and 119, as follows:

Public School 24.—From $221 to $299 per annum.
" " 119.—From $221 to $299 per annum.

To take effect from January 1st, 1898.

Commissioner MACK moved that the action of the Acting Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The Committee granted an extension of time on the following contracts:

Public School 57.—The Gedney Building Co. Alterations, etc.; dated May 14th, 1897; extended to December 11th, 1897.

Public School 81.—Andrews Manufacturing Co., Furniture, Item IV.; dated May 10th, 1897; extended to December 20th, 1897.

Public School 127.—Messrs. Thomas Cockerill & Son. Erecting Wings, etc.; dated February 17th, 1897; extended to December 27th, 1897.

The Committee approved and signed the following final payments:

Public School 57.—Gedney Building Co. Alterations, etc., ... $797

Public School 81.—Andrew Manufacturing Co. Furniture, Item IV. 699

Public School 127.—Messrs. Thomas Cockerill & Son. Erecting new Wings, etc., ... 650

Final Payment on Orders on Contract of C. H. Browne, for New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item I., $67.80, as follows:

P. S. 16,	$34.37
P. S. 26,	12.24
P. S. 50,	7.08
P. S. 73,	8.16
P. S. 96,	1.87
P. S. 103,	4.08
	$67.80

Final Payment on Order on Contract of the New Jersey School-Church Furniture Co., for New Furniture for Old Buildings, Item III.

P. S. 16,	$12.51

The Superintendent asked that appropriations be made to pay the following bills, incurred on verbal orders issued by his authority or where prices are fixed, etc.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, WARD SCHOOLS — REPAIRS, ACCOUNT OF 1896.

App. No.

1842. Andrews Mfg. Co., Sept. 26, 1896—Nov. 21, 1896. Rearranging, resetting and repairing furniture, Primary School 25, . . $243 02

1843. Andrews Mfg. Co., Nov. 7–10, 1896. Repairpairing furniture, Annex, Grammar School 94, ... 68 40

SANITARY WORK, CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF, ACCOUNT OF 1897.

App. No.

212. John H. Van Tine, Dec. 15, 1897. Cleaning main supply pipe, Public School 86, . . $14 50

213. John H. Van Tine, Dec. 18, 1897. Gas fitting, etc., Public School 142, . . . 36 13

214. Thos. Brady, Dec. 14–15, 1897. Repairing *leak, etc., Public* School 49, . . . 16 20

App. No.

215. John J. Dowling, Nov. 11, 1897. Repairing and cleaning sewer, etc., Public School 97, $61 50

216. Edw. J. O'Connor, Dec. 1, 1897. New water-closet, etc., Public School 77, . . . 21 92

217. The J. L. Mott Iron Works, Dec. 4, 97. Cleaning supply pipe, Public School 128, . . 1 25

218. P. Greene, Dec. 17, 1897. Faucets, etc., Public School 6, ... 8 85

219. John Byrns, Dec. 10, 1897. New cleanout in trap, etc., Public School, 79, . . . 11 70

REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS, ACCOUNT OF 1897.

App. No.

157. Wm. Horne, March 16, 1897. Repairing and cleaning out after fire, etc., Public School 61, ... $504 28

158. P. Sullivan, Dec. 10–16, 1897. Repairing and cleaning out after fire, etc., Public School 79, ... 447 91

159. Michael Poll, Oct. 18, 1897. Repairing, painting skylights, etc., Public School 43, . . 119 73

BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND, ACCOUNT OF 1897.

App. No.

756. L. E. Atherton, Dec. 7, 1897. Repairing desk, Hall, B/E, ... $3 00

757. P. Sullivan, Dec. 15, 1897. Altering partition, etc., 585 Broadway, ... 12 93

758. The E. Howard Watch & Clock Co. Clocks for the following schools:

Public School 98.—3, Dec. 9, 1897, .
Public School 73.—1, Nov. 30, 1897, . } 70 00
Public School 70.—1, Nov. 30, 1897, .

759. Frank Dobson, Nov. 29, 1897.—Repairs to heating apparatus, P. S. 62, ... $12 38

760. Frank Dobson, Nov. 8, 1897.—Repairs to heating apparatus, P. S. 54, ... 43 03

App. No.

761. Frank Dobson, Dec. 14, 1897.—Repairs to water feeders, P. S. 41, ... $9 18
762. Frank Dobson, Dec. 3, 1897.—Repairs to heating apparatus, P. S. 82, ... 18 34
763. Frank Dobson, Dec. 16, 1897.—Repairs to grate bars, etc., P. S. 8, ... 95 71
764. Frank Dobson, Dec. 4, 1897.—Repairs to heating apparatus, P. S. 50, ... 23 61
765. Frank Dobson, Dec. 3, 1897.—Repairs to heating apparatus, P. S. 87, ... 77 50
766. Hardman, Peck & Co., Nov. 30, 1897.—Moving piano from P. S. 23 to P. S. 48, ... 6 00
767. Hardman, Peck & Co., Dec. 11, 1897.—Moving piano from P. S. 30 to P. S. 151, . . . 2 00
768. Police Department, City of New York, Dec. 8, 1897.—Testing boiler, P. S. 34, . . . 2 00
769. Frederick Weeks, Nov. 16, 1897.—Moving furniture from P. S. 145 to P. S. 155, . . 7 00
770. Geo. Fox's Sons, Nov. 26-30, 1897.—Rebuilding jambs to furnace doors, etc., P. S. 21, . . 31 19
771. Geo. Fox's Sons, Dec. 10-11, 1897.—Dummy tubes and putting same in P. S. 44, . . 18 58
772. James Beggs & Co., Dec. 6, 1897.—Repairing grates, P. S. 19, ... 9 23
773. James Beggs & Co., Dec. 16, 1897.—Repairing grates, P. S. 6, ... 13 83
774. Geo. G. Fuessel, July 2, 1897.—Skylight shades, Annex, P. S. 94, ... 8 25
775. Geo. G. Fuessel, Oct. 15, 1897.—Shades, P. S. 116, 46 08
776. E. P. Gleason Mfg. Co., Nov. 22, 1897.—Glass, P. S. 95, ... 13 00
777. H. Gennerich, Nov. 26, 1897.—Stove pipes, etc., P. S. 142, ... 14 05
778. H. Gennerich, Nov. 23, 1897.—Stove pipes, etc., P. S. 112, ... 14 40
779. Jas. Curran Mfg. Co., Nov. 27, 1897.—Repairing *steam main, P. S. 26,* 11 58

App. No.

780. Gillis & Geoghegan, Nov. 13, 1897 —Grate bars, P. S. 150, ... $9 40

781. Patterson, Gottfried & Hunter, Ltd., Nov. 23, 1897.—Beltings, P. S. 77, ... 49 43

782. Herrmann & Grace, Dec. 11, 1897.—Repairing dampers, P. S. 6, ... 28 35

783. J. J. Deady, Nov. 29, 1897.—Repairing main drain, etc., Annex P. S. 14, ... 30 48

784. Wm. H. Cockburn, Dec. 4, 1897.—Sash, glazing, etc., P. S. 93, ... 24 60

785. Zimdars & Hunt, Nov. 6–13, 1897.—Repairing Armature, etc., P. S. 23, ... 44 55

786. E. Rutzler, Oct. 30, 1897.—Screws, P. S. 23, . 50

787. C. A. Schieren & Co., Dec. 6, 1897.—Belting, P. S. 54, ... 30 01

788. The White & Middleton Gas Co., Nov. 10, 1897. Repairing engine, P. S. 8, ... 36 80

789. Allen & Garrett, Nov. 29, 1897.—Resetting boiler, P. S. 115, ... 225 00

790. John Neal's Sons, Aug. 12, 1897.—Repairs to Heating Apparatus, P. S. 108, ... 18 32

Commissioner MACK moved that the bills be approved and the necessary appropriations made.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1898.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 3:00 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Acting Chairman, and Commissioners BURLINGHAM, HURLBUT, MACK and MCSWEENY.—5.

The Minutes of December 13th, 1897, page 825, seventh line from top were amended by striking out the amount "$1,245" and inserting "$784."

Commissioner MACK moved that the Minutes, as amended, be approved.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Minutes of January 4th, 1898, be amended on page 12, twelfth line from bottom, by striking out the words "the Janitors of these schools" and inserting "the Janitor of Public School 44 and the son of the Janitor of Public School 96, who is employed in the building as an Assistant Janitor."

Commissioner MCSWEENY moved that the Minutes of January 4th, 1898. as amended, be approved.

Adopted.

In response to an advertisement inserted in the *City Record* for ten days, soliciting proposals for erecting new Public School 168, One hundred and fourth and One hundred and fifth streets, between First and Second avenues, and Supplying Heating and Ventilating Apparatus and Electric Lighting Plant for new Public School 42, Hester, Orchard and Ludlow streets, the following bids were received:

Public School 168.

The Mapes-Reeve Construction Co.,	$330,000
P. J. Walsh,	296,444
John H. Deeves,	311,000
Luke A. Burke,	301,900
Thomas Dwyer,	307,977
P. Gallagher,	310,999
Harry McNally,	301,000
Murphy Brothers,	298,700
Charles A. Cowen,	317,984
Thomas Cockerill & Son,	324,000
Quincy & Crawford,	323,797
John J. Hopper,	304,700

Public School 42.

HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS AND ELECTRIC LIGHTIN PLANT.

Gillis & Geoghegan,	$25,925
Huey Brothers,	23,987
William N. Tobin,	23,963
The Baldwin Engineering Co.,	24,444
Wallace & Carey,	25,826
The James Curran Mfg. Co.,	25,500
The Wells & Newton Co.,	24,685
Evans, Almirall & Co.,	25,335
E. Rutzler,	24,100
The N. Y. Steam Fitting Co.,	23,990
Frank Dobson,	24,105
G. A. Suter & Co.,	24,636
The Foskett & Bishop Co.,	24,500
Blake & Williams,	23,548

Mr. P. J. Walsh, the lowest bidder on P. S. 168, appeared b fore the Committee and was informed by the Acting Chairm that if awarded the contract he would be expected to comple his work within the specified time, which he promised to do.

Commissioner MACK moved that the contract be awarded to P. J. Walsh, the lowest bidder, for $296,444.

Adopted.

Ordered, That the contract for supplying heating and ventilating apparatus and electric lighting plant for Public School 42 be awarded to Blake & Williams, the lowest bidders, for $23,548.

Adopted.

Public School 44.—Matter of award of contract for new School Building, Hubert & Collister streets. (See Minutes, p. 4.)

Mr. J. E. O'Connor, of the firm of Jones & O'Connor, appeared before the Committee and was asked by the Chairman if he intended to comply with the advertisement in regard to providing bonds of suretyship, and also if awarded the contract, to complete the building within the specified time.

Mr. O'Connor thereupon stated that it was his intention to provide bonds of suretyship, and if awarded the contract, to complete the work on time.

Commissioner MACK then moved that the contract for erecting new Public School 44 be awarded to Jones & O'Connor, the lowest bidders, for $193,931.

Adopted.

Communication from the City Superintendent relative to the desire of Mr. Damrosch, Supervisor of Music, to have permission for the Special Teachers of Music to meet Principals and Teachers of the Schools in school buildings about once a week, between the hours of three and four P. M., etc. (See Minutes, 1897, pages 830, 846 and 866, and 1898, page 4.)

A communication was received from Mr. Damrosch, Supervisor of Music, endorsed by the City Superintendent, giving the schools and dates upon which these conferences were to be held.

Ordered, That the request be granted, as suggested, by the City Superintendent, and the necessary notification sent to the Janitors.

Public Schools 23 and 108.—Communication from the Board of Inspectors of the Third School District, calling attention to the very crowded and unhealthy condition of the schools. (See Minutes, 1897, page 866, and Minutes of 1898, page 5.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Instruction.

Public School 133.—Communication from the Clerk of the Board stating that lease of premises One hundred and sixty-seventh street and Southern Boulevard, used as an Annex, expires on March 24th, 1898. (See Minutes, 1897, page 867, and Minutes, 1898, page 5.)

Commissioner HURLBUT stated that in his opinion Public School 133 would not be ready for opening by the time lease of Annex expires, and moved that a communication be sent to the owner, asking if the premises can be leased from month to month after that date at the same rental, or upon what terms he would extend the lease to July 1st, 1898.

Adopted.

Ordered, That the matter be laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Instruction and a communication from the owner of the property.

Public School 87.—Communication from Bernard J. Isecke, relative to contract of William Daniels for repairs, etc., 1894. (See Minutes, page 7.)

The Deputy Superintendent reported that this is a similar case to that of contract for alterations, etc., Public School 69, in the same year, where in August, 1896, a judgment was obtained by one of the sub-contractors and ordered paid by the Supreme Court, and on April 12th, 1897, upon the advice of the Counsel to the Corporation, the remainder of the final payment, with interest, was released. Although the records will show that the work at this school as well as at Public School 69 was never completed to the satisfaction of this Department, the defects now

cannot be ascertained, as the building has been altered considerably since 1894.

Commissioner McSweeny moved that the final payment on contract, amounting to $832, be released and an extension of time granted to this date.

Adopted.

Public Schools 77 and 96.—(See Minutes, 1897, page 817.) The Superintendent reported in regard to communication from the City Superintendent as to arrangement of furniture, etc., in these schools, that he has had an investigation made, and finds that at Public School 77, to remedy entirely the defects complained of, would necessitate refurnishing the building with adjustable furniture. In cases where the children's feet do not touch the floor, foot benches have been ordered. At Public School 96, it is found that by providing foot rests all the children in the Male and Female Departments, can be made comfortable. (See Minutes, page 7.)

Commissioner McSweeny reported that he had visited these schools, and at Public School 77 found a number of desks and seats which were not of proper height for the pupils, but did not think it advisable to put in foot rests. This condition prevailed principally in the gallery room, and would suggest that the gallery be removed, the furniture from Room 15 transferred to that room, and Room 15 fitted up with the adjustable furniture which is to be transferred from Public School 151 when that contract is completed and accepted.

At Public School 96 there are only a few seats which are not of proper height, about three in the primary department and fifteen in the Grammar Department. The adjustable arrangement of these desks should be looked into, but would not advise the placing of foot rests.

Ordered, That the report be accepted with thanks and the suggestions approved.

Public Schools 44 and 96.—Janitors of these schools summoned to appear before this Committee (see Minutes, page 12).

PUBLIC SCHOOL 44.—Mr. Michael Moran, Janitor, was present, and when questioned in regard to bill and why it had not been paid, promised to see that it was settled as soon as possible.

Ordered, That the matter bn laid over for one month.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 96.—Mr. James H. Brown appeared before the Committee and stated that the matter appeared to be a question of veracity between Mr. Frank Nicolaus and his son, who claimed that he did not owe the amount charged against him. He further stated that he would do what he could to effect a settlement of the case.

Mr. Brown then asked that the time for removal from his apartments in the school building be extended from January 15th to February 1st, 1898, as the notice given was too short.

Commissioner MCSWEENY moved that the time be extended to February 1st, 1898, as requested.

Adopted.

Public Schools 59 and 67.—From the Clerk of the Board enclosing communications from the Principal E. S. 59, relative to transferring kitchen to the rear part of the playground, and from the Principal of the New York Evening High School (P. S. 67), recommending that the building be lighted with electric lights, referred from the Evening School Committee.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 59.—The Deputy Superintendent reported that the proposed change was not advisable, as there are over 2,100 children in the building and the playground at present is too small for their proper accommodation at one time.

Commissioner MACK moved that the report of the Deputy Superintendent be approved and the request denied.

Adopted.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 67 (NEW YORK EVENING HIGH SCHOOL).—The Deputy Superintendent submitted a report showing that the cost of installing an electric light plant in this building, as suggested, would cost about $1,900.

Commissioner MACK moved that the matter be deferred and taken up in connection with vacation work.

Adopted.

Communication from Messrs. Blake & Williams, submitting a statement of extra work performed by them on several contracts, and stating that they are willing to waive all payment for same, if allowed to omit back screens on radiators and coils, where called for in specifications, Public Schools 81, 154 and 155.

The Deputy Superintendent stated that he would approve of this omission, as the back screens were unnecessary on account of a change in the style of trim in these buildings after the specifications for heating and ventilating apparatus were prepared.

Commissioner BURLINGHAM moved that the request of Messrs. Blake & Williams be granted.

Adopted.

Public School 58.—Report of the City Superintendent in regard to a Kindergarten class at this school (see Minutes, 1897, pages 433, 478 and 514, and Minutes of 1898, page 12).

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Instruction.

Public Schools 151 and 154.—Request of Mr. P. J. Walsh, contractor for erecting new school buildings, to be released from furnishing bonds for a longer time on these contracts (see Minutes, page 13).

The Acting Chairman reported that he had consulted with the Superintendent of School Buildings and they had reached the conclusion that as Mr. Walsh has practically completed the above buildings, they having been occupied for some time, it was unnecessary for him to furnish bonds for a longer period, and therefore recommended that his request be granted.

Commissioner MACK moved that Mr. Walsh be released from bonds on contracts, P. S. 151 and P. S. 154.

Adopted.

Public School 53.—From the Committee on Instruction relative to fitting up a room in the building for Kindergarten, etc. (see Minutes, page 13).

The Deputy Superintendent reported that a lot on either side of the Annex to this school on Eightieth street was being acquired. The one on the west could be improved by erecting a two story building, not extending back further than the rear line of the present Annex, which would not shut off the light and air from the school, and provide a Kindergarten, Manual Training rooms and two classrooms. If an addition is to be erected, it should be on the east side on the lot now being acquired.

Ordered, That the matter be laid over and referred to the Acting Chairman for a report as to the advisability of altering the present Janitor's apartments for Kindergarten purposes.

Public Schools 98 and 138.—From Committee on Instruction, in regard to communication from Inspectors of the Thirty-fifth School District relative to Kindergarten at Williamsbridge, etc. (see Minutes, page 13).

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Olin M. E. Church, stating that they would lease the Social Hall of the Church, including heat, light, sanitary accommodations and Janitor's service for three years at $1,200 per annum.

Commissioner ADAMS stated that he had visited the Church, and although the room in question was suitable for the purpose, yet in view of the fact that the rental asked is excessive and an addition to Public School 98 is to be erected at once, he did not think it advisable to lease the premises.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the proposition be declined.

The Superintendent presented the Annual Report of the Building Bureau of the Board of Education for 1897.

Ordered, That the report be presented to the Board with a request that five hundred copies be printed at once.

The Superintendent submitted a statement showing the condition of new buildings, annexes, work in preparation, etc.

Ordered, That the statement be presented to the Board as a report from this Committee, in accordance with Section 18, paragraph 11 of the By-laws.

Public School 96.—The Deputy Superintendent stated that as the Janitor had been ordered to remove from his apartments in the building, they should be altered for school purposes.

Commissioner MACK moved that the Committee on Instruction be requested to report as to the nature of alterations required to fit the rooms for school purposes.

Adopted.

Public School 34.—Referring to the recommendation from the Committee on Instruction that the southeast corner room in the P. D. be fitted up for Kindergarten purposes (see Minutes, page 13), the Deputy Superintendent reported that desks and seats were arranged in the room and screwed to the floor on January 1st, 1898, and cannot be changed until contract for furniture has been accepted and bill passed by the Comptroller.

Ordered, That the Committee on Instruction be notified of this fact and that the matter of Kindergarten will be considered as soon as present furniture can be removed from the room in question.

Communication from Henry B. Wesselman, relative to overflow of water from Public School 44 into premises No. 228 West Broadway.

The Deputy Superintendent submitted a copy of letter written by the Superintendent on December 31st, 1897, to the Clerk of the Board, stating that the cellar of No. 228 West Broadway, adjoining P. S. 44, the property of Anna Leaycraft, client of Mr. H. B. Wesselman, had been examined and found perfectly dry.

Ordered, That Mr. Wesselman be notified of these facts.

Public School 13.—From the City Superintendent recommending that of the twenty-one rooms in the new Annex, ten be

assigned to the Grammar Department and eleven to the Primary Department.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Instruction for approval.

Public School 37.—Bill of Daniel Riordan, Janitor, for cleaning new Annex, $78.00.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the new Annex had to be cleaned and prepared for the reception of pupils. Mr. Riordan performed the work satisfactorily and bill is reasonable.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the bill be approved and a report presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation.

Adopted.

Public School 46.—The Deputy Superintendent reported that a schedule giving dimensions of site for new addition was forwarded to the City Superintendent, with a request for a recommendation as to number of classrooms, etc., to be provided in the new building, and the following report has been received:

The new building should contain 16 classrooms, apportioned among three Departments:

"4 rooms for Grammar Boys.
"4 rooms for Primary Boys.
"4 rooms for Grammar Girls.
"4 rooms for Primary Girls.
"Gymnasium, Clay Modeling Room.
"Cooking Room and Workshop."

Ordered, That the Schedule be forwarded to the Committee on Instruction for endorsement.

Public School 1.—Commissioner HURLBUT stated that the Principal has requested that the present green shades be replaced by white or buff colored ones.

Ordered, That the request be granted.

Public School 69.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of living apartments having been altered for school purposes.

Public School 86.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of additional playground space in the basement to care for.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that according to the By-Laws these Janitors were entitled to an increase in their salaries as follows:

School.	Annual Salary.	Increase.	To take effect.
P. S. 69	$2,444.00	$13.00	January 1, 1897
P. S. 86	2,574.00	52.00	Sept. 15, 1897

Granted.

Communication from Messrs. T. Mahoney & Sons stating that since depositing their bid for $285,000 for New Public School 170, One hundred and eleventh and One hundred and twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues, they had gone over their figures very carefully and found that a mistake had been made; also submitting their books showing that a mistake may have been made of some $17,000, and asking to be released from their bid and that their certified check be returned.

Commissioner MACK moved that a report be presented to the Board stating the facts in the case, recommending that the award be rescinded; the request for approval of the appropriation withdrawn from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and the check forfeited and turned over to the Comptroller for deposit in the City Treasury.

Adopted.

Public School 96.—Commissioner MCSWEENY stated that he had visited this building and found that Rooms 25–30 are very dark and additional gas fixtures are required.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 19, 53 and 130.—Memoranda from Assistant Superintendent Meleney in regard to these buildings.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 19.—The Deputy Superintendent reported that four center rooms and the rear wing room on second floor should be provided with electric light or gas at once and recommended that electric light be introduced in Rooms 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11 at a cost of about $150.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Deputy Superintendent to prepare specifications, etc., to have the necessary work done.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 53.—The Deputy Superintendent reported that two rooms on the second and two on the third floors are insufficiently lighted; on the top floor there are two rear rooms occupied for classroom purposes, and lighted only by skylights; gas is burned in all these rooms, where it is provided, and recommended that electric light be installed for use on dark days, which would cost in the neighborhood of $180; also that the present skylights be raised and a ventilating section placed under same at an additional cost of about $200.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Deputy Superintendent to prepare specifications, etc., to have the necessary work done.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 130.—The Deputy Superintendent reported that two rooms on the north side of this building are darkened by a five-story tenement which adjoins, but the south wall of this adjoining building is now being painted white, which will increase the light to a certain extent.

Ordered, That the report be placed on file.

Public School 10.—Communication from the Principal requesting that the wardrobes for Kindergarten classes be placed in the playrooms.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that alterations are now in progress and the wardrobes for Kindergarten being *placed* in the rooms, as approved by this Committee, but to *change them to the* playroom would cost but $20 additional and

leave more space in the Kindergarten rooms, besides removing the objectionable feature of wardrobes in classrooms.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the wardrobes be changed as suggested and the necessary appropriation made.

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.
101. Public School 10.—James S. Roberts, placing wardrobes in playrooms, ... $20 00

The Acting Chairman reported that he had received a communication from the Clerk of this Board in regard to insurance on contracts, as called for in Clause 11th (b) of the contract, stating that the same form of contract is used for new buildings, repairs and alterations, heating, etc., etc., and that more or less trouble has been experienced on account of the indefiniteness of this clause; further stating that certain kinds of work from their nature need no protection from fire, such as improving lots, iron stairways, fire alarm connections, electric lighting, etc., etc., and asking for instructions with regard to the said clause, whether it is the intention to insure work of all description, and if so, for full value, or for what part, and to begin and terminate at what time, and had referred it to the Superintendent for a report.

Ordered, That the action of the Acting Chairman be approved.

PIANOS.

The Superintendent submitted a report giving the following list of schools where pianos (8) have been supplied under contract of Messrs. Steinway & Sons:

Public School 87.—1 Female Grammar Department.
" " 54.—1 Primary Department.
" " 15.—1 " "
" " 113.—1
" " 154.—2
" " 81.—1
" " 155.—1

(The last four pianos are placed temporarily only.)

Approved.

The Acting Chairman reported having made the following appropriations for bills incurred on emergency orders of Janitors, duly countersigned:

"REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS, 1897."

Appropriations Nos. 160–165 inclusive, 6 bills, aggregating	$39 10

"BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND, 1897."

Appropriations Nos. 791–800 inclusive, 10 bills, aggregating	74 32

The Committee signed the following payrolls:

Inspectors on New Buildings, etc., for week ending January 8th, 1898, ...	$857 50
Inspectors on Repair Work for January 1st, and week ending January 8th, 1898, . .	220 50
Inspectors on Sanitary Work for January 1st, and week ending January 8th, 1898, . .	126 00
Inspectors on Furniture for January 1st, and week ending January 8th, 1898, . .	87 50

The Acting Chairman reported having approved the apportionment of the following amounts as rent allowances to Janitors of Public Schools 84 and 96:

Public School 84.—$299 per annum.
" " **96.**—$212 per annum.

To take effect February 1, 1898.

Adopted.

The Committee granted an extension of time on the following contracts:

Public School 62 (old), MIXED HIGH SCHOOL.—James Hamil*ton.* Alterations, etc.; dated July 8th, 1897; extended to Janu*ary 3d, 1898.*

The Committee signed the following final payments:

Public School 62 (old), Mixed High School.—
James Hamilton. Alterations, etc., . . . $1,000 00

Final payment on orders on contracts of the Cleveland School Furniture Company, for New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item IV., $28.82.

Public School 46.	24 80
Public School 82, ...	4 02

Final payment on orders on contract of the New Jersey School-Church Furniture Company for New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item III., $217.36

Public School 32, ...	45 67
Public School 68, ...	7 27
Public School 98, ...	164 42

The Committee opened the following bids:

Public School 17.—Additional Heating Apparatus:

Frank Dobson, ...	$620
James Curran Mfg. Co., ...	775
Wallace & Cary, ...	827

Public School 41.—Repairs and Additions to Heating Apparatus:

Evans, Almirall & Co., ...	$944
Frank Dobson, ...	976
John Neal's Sons, ...	979
E. Rutzler, ...	998

Public School 53.—Repairs to Heating Apparatus:

Evans, Almirall & Co., ...	$838
Frank Dobson, ...	905
John Neal's Sons, ...	910

Public School 54.—Additional Heating Apparatus:

Evans, Almirall & Co., ...	$979
James Curran Mfg. Co., ...	990

Frank Dobson, ... $998
John Neal's Sons, ... 1,009

Public School 59.—Repairs and Additions to Heating Apparatus:

Evans, Amirall & Co., ... $700
Frank Dobson, ... 775
John Neal's Sons, ... 833

Public School 61.—Desks and Seats (263).

C. Roehr & Sons, ... $730
Richmond School Furniture Co., . . . 745
New Jersey School-Church Furniture Co., . 785
Buffalo School Furniture Co., . . . 800
Cleveland School Furniture Co., . . . 857

Public School 76.—Repairs and Additions to Heating Apparatus:

Evans, Almirall & Co., ... $885
Frank Dobson, ... 900
James Curran Mfg. Co., ... 920
John Neal's Sons, ... 985

Public School 86.—Additional Heating Apparatus:

Frank Dobson, ... $998
John Neal's Sons, ... 1,042
New York Steam Fitting Co., ... 1,065
James Curran Mfg. Co., ... 1,080

Public School 106.—Sanitary Repairs:

John H. Van Tine, ... $610
Emmet H. Smith, ... 680
John Byrns, ... 740
Jas. J. Cooke, ... 973

Public School 121.—Repairs and Additions to Heating Apparatus:

E. Rutzler, ... $966
Evans, Almirall & Co., ... 994
Frank Dobson, ... 994
Blake & Williams, ... 1,025

Truant School.—Hot Water Tank, Sink, etc.:

Samuel Clark, ...	$310
Thomas Brady, ...	320
Jas. J. Cooke, ...	485

Public School 88.—Repairs and Additions to Heating Apparatus:

New York Steam Fitting Co., .	$985	Laid over.
E. Rutzler, ...	997	Referred to Commissioner Adams.
Evans, Almirall & Co., . .	997	
John Neal's Sons, . . .	1,010	

The award was made to the lowest bidder in each case, as follows:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.		
90.	Public School 17—Frank Dobson, . .	$620
91.	" 41—Evans, Almirall & Co.,	944
92.	" 53— " "	838
93.	" 54— " "	979
94.	" 59— " "	700
95.	" 61—C. Roehr & Sons, . .	730
96.	" 76—Evans, Almirall & Co.,	885
97.	" 86—Frank Dobson, . .	998
98.	" 106—John H. Van Tine, .	610
99.	" 121—E. Rutzler, . . .	966
100.	Truant School—Samuel Clark, . .	310

Laid over. Public School 88—New York Steam Fitting Co., ... $985

The Deputy Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid :

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.			
1.	P. S.	3—Repairs to heating apparatus,	$370 00
2.	"	4—Installing steam generators,	300 00
3.	"	7—Supply closet,	14 50
4.	"	9—Repairing door checks,	10 50
5.	"	10—Boxes and feed oil cups, etc., for belt,	68 30
6.	"	13—Rubber treads	127 72
7.	"	14—Flagpole,	77 50
8.	"	15—Repairs to heating apparatus,	42 00
9.	"	15—Door checks, etc.,	19 25
10.	"	15—Picture molding,	36 00
11.	"	17—Supply closets,	73 00
12.	"	17—Carpets and linoleum,	53 78
13.	"	18—Curtains,	49 00
14.	"	19—Rubber treads, painting, etc.,	215 00
15.	"	22—Repairs, boiler furnace, etc.,	145 00
16.	"	22—Door checks, etc.,	14 10
17.	"	34—Slate blackboards,	6 00
18.	"	34—Rearranging furniture,	28 00
19.	"	36—Repairs to heating apparatus,	120 00
20.	"	37—Carpet,	14 95
21.	"	41—Renumbering doors,	19 00
22.	"	43—Repairs to heating apparatus,	144 00
23.	"	45—Gas fixtures,	15 60
24.	"	48—Additional heating apparatus,	30 00
25.	"	50—Repairs and additions to heating apparatus,	85 00
26.	"	50—Slate blackboards,	206 00
27.	"	52—Repairs to plaster and wood work,	59 75
28.	"	53—Linoleum,	21 45
29.	"	57—Slate Blackboards,	10 00
30.	"	58—Slate Blackboards,	26 00
31.	"	59—Venetian Blinds,	76 80
32.	"	63—Cleaning and Disinfecting Vault,	24 00
33.	"	64—Linoleum and Venetian Blinds,	15 84
34.	"	65—Cleaning and Disinfecting Vault,	26 00

App. No.			
35.	P. S.	65—Removing Fence, etc.,	$60 00
36.	"	67—Repairs to Radiators,	190 00
37.	"	68—Repairs to Boiler Furnace,	55 00
38.	"	69—Repairs to Heating Apparatus,	137 00
39.	"	70—Repairing Leak in Radiator,	46 00
40.	"	70—Re-arranging Furniture,	49 00
41.	"	72—Cleaning Clocks,	9 00
42.	"	72—Repairs to Heating Apparatus,	210 00
43.	"	75—Venetian Blinds,	330 00
44.	"	77—Tube and Bell Work,	12 50
45.	"	77—Belting,	49 43
46.	"	78—Checks and Springs,	33 00
47.	"	79—Wire Guard on Skylight,	26 60
48.	"	82—Locks, Keys, Glazing, etc.,	21 00
49.	"	83—Repairs to Doors, Moldings, etc.,	56 50
50.	"	84—Benches,	177 00
51.	"	87—Shelves, Supply Closets, etc.,	159 00
52.	"	87—Repairing Furniture,	125 00
53.	"	88—Re-numbering Doors, etc.,	18 00
54.	"	90—Heating New Classroom, etc.,	387 00
55.	"	90—Slate Blackboards,	359 00
56.	"	90—Benches, Repairing Locks, etc.,	27 50
57.	"	92—Transom Sash over Door,	16 00
58.	"	93—Fitting up Classrooms with Furniture,	99 50
59.	"	93—Repairs to Heating Apparatus,	160 00
60.	"	95—Halyards, Truck, etc.,	18 00
61.	"	94—Resetting Ash Hoist,	65 00
62.	"	96—Foot rests,	9 00
63.	"	98—Repairing Leaks,	36 00
64.	"	103—Changes to Vestibule, Supply Room, etc.,	78 00
65.	"	105—Circuit Breakers,	43 00
66.	"	113—Gas Fixtures,	36 00
67.	"	115—Changes to Sign,	17 00
68.	"	115—Repairs to Boiler,	44 00
69.	"	117—Repairs to Venetian Blinds,	45 00
70.	"	78—Repairs to Roof, etc.,	47 00

App. No.			
71.	P. S.	121—Repairs to Doors, etc.,	$175 00
72.	"	122—Repairs to Heating Apparatus,	29 00
73.	"	124—Relining Furnace,	80 00
74.	"	127—Repairs to Boiler, etc.,	110 00
75.	"	128—Shades,	23 25
76.	"	133—Setting Slate Blackboards,	12 00
77.	"	136—Repairing Leaks in Radiators,	46 00
78.	"	141—Wire Screens,	45 50
79.	"	141—Picture Molding, Painting, etc.,	47 00
80.	"	145—Cleaning and Disinfecting Vault,	10 00
81.	"	150—Repairs to Heating Apparatus,	260 00
82.	"	154—Bulletin Boards,	17 00
83.	"	155—Benches,	137 00
84.	"	161—Picture Molding,	50 00
85.	585 Broadway—Vestibule, Drying Rack, etc.,		190 00
86.	585 Broadway—Folding Chairs,		20 00
87.	585 Broadway—Glass for Printing Frame,		8 00
88.	Hall of Board—Repairs to Damages Caused by Fire,		164 00
89.	Boys' High School—Repairs to Radiators,		22 00

Approved,

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1898.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 3 P. M.

Present.—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Acting Chairman, and Commissioners BURLINGHAM, HURLBUT, MACK and MCSWEENY—5.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved to correct the Minutes of January 11, 1898, page 34, 8th line from bottom, by striking out the amount "$212" and inserting "$312."

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner MACK the Minutes, as amended, were approved.

In response to an advertisement inserted in the *City Record* for ten days soliciting proposals for Supplying Gymnastic Apparatus for Public School 96, the following bids were received:

Public School 96.

Narragansett Machine Co., ...	$870
The Andrews Mfg. Co., ...	840

The award was made to the lowest bidder, as follows:

The Andrews Mfg. Co., ...	$840

Public Schools 23 and 108.—Communication from the Board of Inspectors of the Third School District calling attention to the very crowded and unhealthy condition of the schools. (See Minutes, 1897, p. 866, and Minutes, 1898, pp. 5 and 24.)

A communication was received from the Committee on Instruction stating that the matters contained in the report of the

Deputy Superintendent, which had been submitted for its approval came more within the jurisdiction of this Committee.

Ordered, That the suggestions of the Superintendent (see Minutes, 1897, page 866), in regard to altering Modeling Room at Public School 23 for classroom purposes, be approved.

Public School 133.—Communication from the Clerk of the Board stating that lease of premises One hundred and sixty-seventh street and Southern Boulevard, used as an Annex, expires on March 24, 1898. (See Minutes, 1897, p. 867 and Minutes, 1898, pp. 5 and 24.)

A communication was received from the Committee on Instruction stating that at a meeting held January 11th, it was decided that it will be unnecessary to renew lease of the premises in question.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that alterations, etc., to Public School 133 would be sufficiently advanced to allow the occupancy of the building by February 15, 1898.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Board be requested to notify the owner of the premises that the lease will not be renewed.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Committee on Instruction be requested to report as to the best possible use to be made of Janitors' apartments in Public Schools 6, 21, 53, 74, 75, 116, 118, 127, 161 and 162 to fit same for school purposes.

Adopted.

Public School 53.—From the Committee on Instruction relative to fitting up a room in the building for Kindergarten, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 13 and 28.)

The Acting Chairman reported that he had visited the building and found that the Janitor's quarters consisted of two rooms on either side of the main entrance with very low ceilings, and would not advise their use for Kindergarten purposes.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that these rooms could be thrown into the playground, thus affording better light and

air; also additional entrances could be made, which were very necessary.

Ordered, That the matter be dropped from the Calendar and taken up in connection with the report from the Committee on Instruction ~~in~~ regarding use to be made of Janitor's apartments in several school buildings noted above.

~~Adopted.~~

Public School 96.—Matter of alterations, etc., to Janitor's apartments in the school building. (See Minutes, p. 29.)

Ordered, That the matter be dropped from the Calendar and taken up in connection with report from Committee on Instruction as noted above.

Public School 13.—Recommendation from the City Superintendent that of the twenty-one rooms in the new Annex, ten be assigned to the Grammar Department and eleven to the Primary Department. (See Minutes, p. 29.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Instruction.

Public School 46.—Recommendation from the City Superintendent as to number of Departments, classrooms, etc., etc., to be provided in the new Annex. (See Minutes, p. 30.)

Laid over awaiting endorsement from the Committee on Instruction.

Relative to letter from the Clerk of the Board as to insurance on contracts, etc., presented by the Acting Chairman at the last meeting. (See Minutes, p. 33.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 58.—Report of the City Superintendent in regard to a Kindergarten class at this school. (See Minutes, 1897, pp. 433, 478 and 514, and Minutes, 1898, pp. 12 and 27.)

A communication was received from the Committee on In-

struction endorsing the suggestions of the City Superintendent as to the use of room just finished on the ground floor of the building for Kindergarten purposes.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Superintendent with power.

High Schools—The Deputy Superintendent submitted a communication giving a list of buildings which could be hired for Annexes.

Ordered, That the communication be referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Analysis of Quarterly Reports of Board of School Inspectors of the 6th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 22d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 28th, 32d and 34th Districts submitted by the City Superintendent.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that many of the items mentioned had already received attention; the others would be referred to the Inspectors of the Building Bureau for examination and where found necessary, to prepare specifications, etc., to remedy the defects complained of.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Deputy Superintendent.

From Timothy Curtin asking to be transferred from Janitorship of the old Storehouse, No. 322 East Twentieth street, to that of the new.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the old Storehouse in East Twentieth street had been removed, and the Storehouse in East One hundred and tenth street, recently leased, did not at present require the services of a Storekeeper.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that Mr. Curtin be notified that his services are no longer required.

Public School 4.—From the Acting Principal stating that lease of premises Nos. 71–73 Pitt street, used as Annex, expires on May 1st, 1898.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Acting Chairman *for a report.*

Public School 85.—From the Clerk of the Board referring a letter from owner of premises One hundred and forty-first street and Brook avenue, used as an Annex, stating that lease will expire on March 24th, 1898, and asking if the Board of Education desires to renew same.

The Deputy Superintendent stated that this building was vacated some time since, and the pupils are now in attendance at Public School 154.

Ordered, That the Clerk be requested to notify the owner that these premises are no longer required.

Public School 39.—From J. D. Keenan, Janitor, stating that he was absent from duty on account of illness from December 18th, 1897, to January 3d, 1898.

Commissioner MACK moved the absence of the Janitor be excused upon receipt of a doctor's certificate in regard to his illness.

Adopted.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that all of the furniture under contract of the Richmond School Furniture Co., for New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item II., could not be ordered before December 31st, 1897, as called for, the final order being given January 14th, 1898, and suggested that time of contract be extended from December 31st, 1897, to January 14th, 1898.

Commissioner MACK moved that the contract time be extended to January 14th, 1898.

Adopted.

Public School 21.—The Deputy Superintendent reported that after the final payment of Cornelius Manning for alterations, etc., to this building, was forwarded to the Comptroller, a defect was found in the flooring and payment recalled. This floor was not made good until during the Holidays, and therefore suggested that action taken by this Committee on October 25th, 1897 (see Minutes, page 701), be rescinded.

Commissioner MACK moved that the action taken by this Committee on October 25th, 1897, be rescinded.

Adopted.

Public School 151.—Communication from The Manhattan Supply Co., stating that in the teachers' desks under their contract delivered at this school, the sides of the drawers are of hazelwood and the bottoms of whitewood, instead of ash as called for in specifications, and requesting that this substitution be allowed.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that this wood will probably last as long as the desks, but is more liable to split and warp than the ash called for.

Commissioner MACK moved that the request for substitution be denied.

Adopted.

Public School 103.—The Deputy Superintendent reported that the rent allowance of Janitor was increased on July 7th, 1897, from $221 to $351 per annum, while it should have been from $299 to $351. (See Minutes, 1897, p. 468).

Commissioner MACK moved that the Minutes of July 7th, 1897, page 468, 9th line from top, be amended by striking out the amount "$221" and inserting "$299."

Adopted.

From Mrs. M. G. Van Rensselaer, President of the Public Education Association, for permission to hang a collection of pictures in the Boys' High School and Public Schools 8 and 105.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that permission was granted to this Association to place pictures in the Boys' High School and P. S. 8 on November 30th, 1897, and the President notified. (See Minutes, page 793).

Commissioner BURLINGHAM moved that this permission be extended to include P. S. 105.

Adopted.

Public School 6.—Communication from the Principal asking permission for the boys of his Department to use the Gymnasium two or three times each week, between the hours of 3 P. M. and 4 P. M., under charge of a class teacher.

Commissioner McSWEENY moved that permission be granted, provided the pupils are not allowed to remain after 4 P. M.

Adopted.

Public School 54.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of living apartments in the building having been altered for school purposes.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that according to the By-Laws this Janitor is entitled to an annual salary of $2,912, being an increase of $26; to take effect February 1st, 1897.

Granted.

Commissioner HURLBUT, Sub-Committee on Janitors, submitted the following report, which was ordered printed in the Minutes.

To the Committee on Buildings.

An investigation of the amount for each Janitor's salary allowed by the By-Laws—of the various sums expended by each Janitor for hiring, lodging and boarding his assistants, thereby, although imperfectly approximating to his net income, shows a great discrepancy and in some instances a manifest injustice and the attention of your Committee is asked to devise a plan by which the differences may be adjusted to a fair scale for all.

WM. H. HURLBUT,
Sub-Committee on Janitors.

Public School 84.—The Acting Chairman reported that the Janitor of this school had asked that the time allowed him for vacating the school building be extended to February 1st, 1898, and after consulting several members of this Committee, he had granted the request.

Commissioner MACK moved that the action of the Acting Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 12.—Commissioner HURLBUT stated that when this new building is ready for occupany, in his opinion, old P. S. 31, which is in a very dilapidated condition. should be abandoned and new P. S. 12 made a two department school, Female Grammar and Mixed Primary.

Ordered, That these suggestions be approved and referred to the Committee on Instruction.

Public School 133.—Commissioner HURLBUT stated that the Principal of this school was desirous of having her room furnished with carpet, couch, table, chairs, etc.; also the teachers' room furnished with carpet, chairs, etc.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that a contract had been let for furniture for this building, which includes a carpet for the Principal's room and Linoleum for teachers' room, tables, mirrors, etc., but does not call for a couch, as it has heretofore been the ruling of this Committee that couches should not be allowed.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that in this instance a couch be granted and the necessary chairs, etc., ordered for the Principal's room and also for the teachers' room.

Adopted.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that in the contract of The Manhattan Supply Co , for furnishing safety appliances for Janitors while cleaning windows, the insurance clause was omitted from the specifications, but was not stricken out of the contract, although not required.

Commissioner MACK moved that The Manhattan Supply Co. be not required to furnish insurance on this contract

Adopted.

Commissioner BURLINGHAM stated that in many of the old school buildings ventilators should be placed in the windows, and moved that the matter be referred to the Deputy Superintendent for a report as to what buildings should be so furnished, estimated cost, etc.

Adopted.

Public Schools 13, 34, 93, 94, 97, 99 and 133.—The Deputy Superintendent stated that if these buildings are to be opened on February 1st, 1898, for school sessions, it will be necessary to notify the contractors to push their work as rapidly as possible.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that letters be written to these contractors urging them to push their work to completion at once in order that the buildings may be opened for school sessions on February 1st, 1898.

Adopted.

Public School 170.—The Acting Chairman stated that at the last meeting of this Committee (see Minutes, p. 31) a report was ordered presented to the Board rescinding the action taken in awarding contract for erecting new building, One hundred and eleventh and One hundred and twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues, to Messrs. T. Mahoney & Sons for $285,000, and recommending that certified check be forwarded to the Comptroller for deposit in the City Treasury. This report was drawn but withheld, as after giving the matter due consideration it was thought best not to take such action at present.

Commissioner MACK moved that the action taken on January 11th, 1898, be reconsidered.

Adopted.

Commissioner MACK then moved that the communication from Messrs. T. Mahoney & Sons, requesting that they be released from their contract for erecting new Public School 170 and their certified check returned, be laid over for further consideration.

Adopted.

Public School 46.—Thomas R. Brown, Janitor, who had been summoned before this Committee in regard to charges preferred by the Principal of the school that he was absent from duty and under the influence of liquor, appeared and was heard.

Mr. Brown was reprimanded by the Acting Chairman and the matter laid over for recommendation from the Superintendent.

The Superintendent presented a communication stating that on January 12th, 1898, the Foreman of the High School Division had preferred charges against Mr. Eugene J. Moynihan, Assistant Draughtsman, for neglect of duty, insubordination, etc. He therefore suspended Mr. Moynihan without pay on that date and would recommend his dismissal from the service of the Board of Education.

Mr. C. M. Morgan, Foreman of the High School Division, appeared before the Committee and was heard.

Mr. Moynihan, Assistant Draughtsman, also appeared and was heard.

Commissioner BURLINGHAM moved that the action of the Superintendent in suspending Mr. Moynihan, without pay, on the 12th inst., be concurred in and his recommendation that he be dismissed from the service, approved.

Adopted.

Commissioner BURLINGHAM stated that in his opinion it would be of great advantage to this Committee to have a map showing the location of the schools, giving seating capacity, etc., and moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to prepare a map or maps, showing the new school buildings with the seating capacity of each, under the present By-Laws, and the old buildings under Sub-divisions 1 and 2 of the By-Laws of 1895, this to apply only in the congested districts.

Adopted.

From the Committee on Sites, referring a communication from the Counsel to the Corporation in regard to a letter addressed to him by Dr. Florian Krug, who states that he will hold the City liable for any damages he may suffer by reason of the Public School adjoining on the easterly side of his property, No. 229 East One hundred and nineteenth street.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

The Acting Chairman reported having made the following appropriations for bills incurred on Emergency Orders of Janitors, duly countersigned.

"SANITARY WORK, CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF, 1897."

Appropriations Nos. 220–223 inclusive, 4 bills, aggregating $24 05

"BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND, 1897."

Appropriations Nos. 801-824 inclusive, 24 bills, aggregating $134 19

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the Acting Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The Acting Chairman reported having signed the following specifications in approval, for the Committee, on January 17th, 1898:

Improving new lots adjoining P. S. 96.
" " " " P. S. 3.

Commissioner MCSWEENY moved that the action of the Acting Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The Committee signed the following payrolls for the week ending January 15th, 1898:

Inspectors on New Buildings, etc.,	$862 50
Inspectors on Repair Work,	189 00
Inspectors on Sanitary work,	108 00
Inspectors on Furniture,	75 00

The Committee granted an extension of time on the following contracts:

Public School 21.—Cornelius Manning—Alterations, etc.; dated July 13th, 1897; extended to January 8th, 1898.

Public School 68.—Christopher Nally Co.—Sanitary, etc.; dated July 20th, 1897; extended to January 10th, 1898.

The Committee signed the following final payments:

Public School		21.—Cornelius Manning—Alterations, etc.,	$726 00
"	"	68.—Christopher Nally Co.—Sanitary, etc.,	1,793 00
"	"	87.—William Daniels—Alterations, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 24 and 25),	832 00

Final Payment on Order on Contract of the New Jersey School-Church Furniture Company, New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item III.

Public School 148, $89.12.

The Deputy Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.				
102.	Public School	7.—Repairs to pump,		$18 00
103.	"	"	10.—Locks on doors,	5 00
104.	"	"	10.—Three new water closets,	155 22
105.	"	"	23.—Repairs to electric motor,	84 00
106.	"	"	31.—Gas fixtures,	8 00
107.	"	"	37.—Linoleum, etc.,	12 75
108.	"	"	46.—Re-arranging furniture,	28 00
109.	"	"	50.—New leader,	10 00
110.	"	"	51.—Repairing boiler and radiator,	85 00
111.	"	"	51.—Re-arranging furniture,	60 00
112.	"	"	58.—Repairing furniture, etc.,	24 00
113.	"	"	64.—Repairs to yard walls,	37 00
114.	"	"	68.—Repairing roof,	10 00
115.	"	"	69.—Repairs to doors, glass panels, etc.,	237 00
116.	"	"	75.—Supply closet,	38 00
117.	"	"	77.—State blackboards,	75 00
118.	"	"	86.—New water main, sink, etc.,	184 00
119.	"	"	86.—Repairing doors, etc.,	11 00

App. No.			
120.	Public School 88.—New doors,		$54 00
121.	" " 93.—Gas fitting,		12 85
122.	" " 94.—Repairing pumping engine,		5 00
123.	" " 96.—Gas fixtures,		140 00
124.	" " 96.—Drinking sinks,		160 00
125.	" " 103.—Hand rails,		47 00
126.	" " 103.—Varnishing woodwork in Chemical Laboratory,		17 00
127.	" " 115.—Slate blackboards,		17 50
128.	" " 130.—Sash, etc.,		109 00
129.	" " 141.—Window shades,		26 00
130.	" " 155.—Cellar drainers, etc.,		138 00
131.	" " 155.—Alterations to Janitor's house,		375 00
132.	—Boys' High School—Re-arranging Furniture,		9 00
133.	—Girls' High School—Door checks,		7 00
134.	—No. 585 Broadway—Metal sash guard,		16 00
135.	—Several Schools—Umbrella stands,		88 00
136.	—Several Schools—Clocks for Kitchens,		56 65
137.	—Mixed High School—Shelving, closets, etc.,		135 00
138.	—Mixed High School—Vestibule, repairs to doors, etc.,		260 00
139.	—Mixed High School—Metal ceilings,		197 00
140.	—P. S. 88—Repairs, etc., heating apparatus (see Minutes, p. 37),		985 00

Granted.

The Deputy Superintendent asked that appropriations be made to pay the following bills, incurred on verbal orders issued by his authority, or where prices are fixed, etc.

REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS, ACCOUNT OF 1897.

App. No.		
166.	—Mahony Brothers—October 5, 1897.—Scuttle in roof, P. S. 107,	$20 00
167.	—G. Knauss—Dec. 28, 29, 1897.—Repairing roof, P. S. 25,	17 58
168.	—James Power—Dec. 30, 1897.—Glazing P. S. 114,	1 40
169.	—Werner & Haas—Dec. 31, 1897.—Repairing floor *P. S. 76,*	15 80

SANITARY WORK, CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF, ACCOUNT OF 1897.

App. No.

224.—John Buchanan—Dec. 31, 1897.—Clearing cellar drains, P. S. 27, ... $10 83

225.—John Buchanan — Dec. 30, 1897.—Repairing water closet, P. S. 33, ... 9 80

226.—John Buchanan—Dec. 21-22, 1897.—Repairing stoppage in water service, P. S. 56, . . . 19 65

227.—John Buchanan—Dec. 20, 1897.—Repairing pipe, etc., P. S. 67, ... 9 45

228.—John Byrns—Dec. 27, 1897.—Repairing leak in tank, P. S. 13, ... 4 80

229.—John Byrns—Dec. 31, 1897.—Repairing leak in sink, P. S. 12, ... 5 80

230.—John Byrns—Dec. 23, 1897.—Repairing cocks, etc., P. S. 21. . . . . 5 10

231.—John Byrns—Dec. 21, 1897.—Blowing out water main, P. S. 10, ... 2 13

BUILDINGS' CONTINGENT FUND, ACCOUNT OF 1897.

Police Department, City of New York.

App. No.

825.—Aug. 13, 1897.—Testing boilers, P. S. 17, . . $4 00

826.—Aug. 10, 1897. " " P. S. 18, . . 2 00

827.—Aug. 12, 1897. " " P. S. 39, . . 4 00

828.—Aug. 11, 1897. " " P. S. 53, . . 4 00

829.—Aug. 10, 1897. " " P. S. 73, . . 4 00

830.—Drew & Roeser—Dec. 28, 1897.—Gas fitting, etc., P. S. 46, ... 49 00

831.—Frank Dobson—Dec. 26, 1897.—Repairing radiator, P. S. 28, ... 8 47

832.—Frank Dobson—Dec. 16, 1897.—McClave's grates and bars, P. S. 8, ... 20 89

833.—James Curran Mfg. Co.—Nov. 13-15, 1897.—Repairing leaks in boiler, P. S. 127, . . 10 80

834.—E. Rutzler—Nov. 18-27, 1897—Repairs to heating apparatus, P. S. 103, ... 69 22

App. No.

835.—Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Co.—Dec. 27, 1897. —Chairs, P. S. 61, ... $55 50

836.—Zimdars & Hunt—Dec. 23, 1897.—Porcelain shades, etc., No. 585 Broadway, . . . 12 92

837.—Zimdars & Hunt—Nov. 23, 1897.—Electrical repairs and fitting up, etc., No. 585 Broadway, . 33 74

838.—E P. Gleason Mfg. Co.—Dec. 20, 1897.—Gas fitting, etc., P. S. 41, ... 19 50

839.—E. P. Gleason Mfg. Co.—Dec. 20, 1897.—Gas fitting, etc., P. S. 77, ... 15 75

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS, REPAIRS, ACCOUNT OF 1896.

App. No.

1844.—J. W. Burgoyne—Sept. 26, 1896.—Cleaning sewer, P. S. 62, ... $44 97

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the bills be approved and appropriations made.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1898.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 3 P. M.

Present.—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Acting Chairman, and Commissioners BURLINGHAM, HURLBUT, MACK and MCSWEENY—5.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved to amend the Minutes of January 17, 1898, page 47, 2d line from beginning of report from Sub-Committee on Janitors, by inserting the word "also" between the words "By-laws" and "of."

Adopted.

Commissioner BURLINGHAM moved that Minutes of January 17, 1898, page 50, be amended by striking out from the 5th paragraph all that portion beginning "new school buildings with the seating capacity," etc., and inserting "school buildings with the seating capacity of each, under the present By-laws, and of the old buildings under both sub-divisions ~~and~~ 1 and 2 of Section 95 of the By-laws; this to apply only in the congested districts."

Adopted.

Commissioner MACK moved that the Minutes, as amended, be approved.

Adopted.

In response to an advertisement inserted in the *City Record* for ten days soliciting proposals for Improving New Lots adjoining, and Premises of Public School 96, the following bids were received:

PUBLIC SCHOOL 96.

William Horne,	$11,324
Alfred Nugent & Son,	8,669
Kelly & Kelly,	9,650
Christopher Nally Co.,	7,376
Mahony Brothers,	8,983
Jennings & Welstead,	7,942.25
Quincy & Crawford,	8,300
McEntee & O'Brien,	8,690
John Fury,	9,345
James Hamilton.	11,647
Edmund J. Bath,	11,800

The award was made to the Christopher Nally Co, the lowest bidders, for $7,376.

Relative to fitting up Janitor's apartments in several school buildings. (See Minutes, pp. 42 and 43.)

Awaiting a report from the Committee on Instruction.

Public School 13.—Recommendation from the City Superintendent that of the twenty one rooms in the new Annex, ten be assigned to the Grammar Department and eleven to the Primary Department. (See Minutes, pp 29 and 43.)

A communication was received from the Committee on Instruction endorsing the recommendation of the City Superintendent in regard to assignment of rooms in new addition to P. S. 13, except that two of the rooms assigned to the Primary Department be fitted up for the accommodation of Kindergarten classes.

Ordered, That the recommendation of the Committee on Instruction be approved.

Public School 46.—Recommendation from the City Superintendent as to number of departments, classrooms, etc., to be provided in the new addition. (See Minutes, pp. 30 and 43.)

A communication was received from the Committee on In-

struction endorsing the report of the City Superintendent as to the number of classrooms, etc., to be provided, except that two of the rooms assigned to the Primary Department be prepared for Kindergarten.

Ordered, That the report be approved as to the number of rooms to be provided in this new addition, but that the communication be referred back to the Committee on Instruction asking that the matter of assignment of rooms to the different departments be reconsidered, in view of the fact that this new site was purchased for the erection of an addition to accommodate the pupils now attending the annex in West One hundred and fifty-fifth street.

Public School 4.—From the Acting Principal stating that lease of premises Nos. 71-73 Pitt street, used as an Annex, expires on May 1st, 1898. (See Minutes, p. 44.)

The Acting Chairman reported that he had visited the premises and found that the buildings are very old and not altogether suitable for school purposes, but under the circumstances, thought it necessary to renew the lease for one year, as the new buildings in which these pupils can be accommodated will not be completed for about another year.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that a report be presented to the Board authorizing the President and Clerk to renew this lease for another year, provided the owner will rent the buildings for that period on the same terms ($1,200 per year).

Adopted.

Relative to letter from the Clerk of the Board as to insurance on contracts, etc., presented by the Acting Chairman. (See Minutes, pp. 33 and 43.)

Awaiting a report from the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Relative to suggestion of Commissioner BURLINGHAM that ventilators be placed in windows of old school buildings, etc. (See Minutes, p. 48.)

Awaiting a report from the Deputy Superintendent.

Public School 170.—Matter of contract of Messrs. T. Mahoney & Sons, for erecting new school building, One hundred and eleventh and One hundred and twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues. (See Minutes, 1897, p. 863, and Minutes, 1898, pp. 31 and 49.)

Laid over.

Public School 46.—Matter of charges preferred against the Janitor, Thomas R. Brown, by the Principal of the school. (See Minutes, p. 49.)

The Superintendent reported that some time ago this Janitor asked to be transferred to another school, and recommended that he be transferred to the Janitorship of Public School 60, and Mr. Herman Hammer, Janitor of P. S. 60, transferred to Public School 46; to take effect February 1st, 1898, and asked that his former recommendation be withdrawn. (See Minutes, p. 6.)

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the former action of this Committee (see Minutes, p. 6) be rescinded, the recommendation of the Superintendent approved and a resolution presented to the Board making the transfers.

Adopted.

Public School 28.—David G. Robinson, Janitor, was summoned to appear before this Committee in regard to a slight fire which occurred at the building on Thursday, 20th inst., at 7 o'clock A. M., caused by the lighting of a gas radiator in Janitor's office while bed clothing was piled against it. He appeared and was heard.

The acting Chairman cautioned Mr. Robinson to be more careful in the future.

Public School 1.—Communication from the Principal stating that some mistake had been made in regard to change of curtains, etc., in the building, as she desired the dark green curtains used to separate classes in Assembly Room during recitation

hours, replaced by those of a lighter color, instead of new shades. (See Minutes, p. 30.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of January 11, 1898, be amended on page 30, third line from the bottom, by striking out the words "shades be replaced by white or buff colored ones," and inserting "curtains used to divide Assembly Room during recitation hours, be replaced with those of a lighter color."

Public School 10.—Communication from Mrs. Mary E. Williams, Supervisor of Cooking, requesting that platforms be erected in kitchen as soon as possible. Also communication from Mrs. Daniel P. Hays, Chairman, Board of School Inspectors of the Twenty-seventh District, in regard to the matter.

The Superintendent reported that the necessary alterations could be made for about $85 to $100.

Commissioner MACK moved that the request of the Supervisor of Cooking be granted and the matter referred to the Superintendent to have the necessary alterations made.

Adopted.

Mixed High School.—Bill of Charles D. Gulliford, for services as Acting Janitor from September 10th to 14th, 1897, inclusive, $20.17.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. Gulliford took charge of the building September 11, 1897, but his appointment was not confirmed by the Board until September 15, 1897. He is therefore entitled to payment for services from September 11th to 15th, inclusive, or $\frac{5}{30}$ of $121, the regular $\frac{1}{13}$ of annual salary, or $20.17.

Commissioner BURLINGHAM moved that the bill be approved and a report presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation.

Adopted.

Public School 155.—Bill of David Glover, for services as Acting Janitor from September 10th to 15th, 1897, $28.33.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. Glover took charge

of the school on September 10, 1897, but his appointment was not confirmed until September 15, 1897. He is therefore entitled to payment for services from September 10th to 15th, 1897, at the rate of $2,210, the annual salary of the position, exclusive of heating apparatus, or $28.33.

Commissioner BURLINGHAM moved that the bill be approved and a report presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation.

Adopted.

Public School 34.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of new addition, etc., to care for.

The Superintendent reported that according to the By-Laws this Janitor is entitled to an annual salary of $2,652, being an increase of $936; to take effect January 15, 1898.

Granted.

Public School 14.—The Superintendent reported having excused Mr. A. R. Hopkins, Janitor, for absence from duty January 24th and 25th on account of the death of his father, he having given the name and address of Assistant to be left in charge.

Commissioner MACK moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Communication from the Committee on Instruction asking for information as to the relative cost of school buildings which will accommodate from twelve to fifteen hundred and those which will accommodate about three thousand.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for a report.

Public School 93.—From the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth School District, relative to condition of new addition and suggesting that it be made ready for opening February

1st, 1898; also asking for a new piano for the Female Department.

The Superintendent reported that the building will be ready to open February 1st, 1898, but it has been necessary to place second-hand furniture in the classrooms temporarily pending the completion of furniture contracts; also that a new piano will be supplied as soon as the pianos now under contract are ready for delivery.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board stating the facts.

Public School 54.—From the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth School District, asking that the wooden buildings adjoining be removed and the space prepared for a playground.

The Superintendent reported that two lots Nos. 157 and 159 West One hundred and fourth street have just been acquired and plans for improvement, removal of present buildings, etc., will be prepared as soon as other work in hand will permit.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board stating the facts in the case.

Application from M. F. Duflocq, Assistant Draughtsman, to be excused for absence on account of illness, January 12th, 13th and 14th, with pay, submitting a doctor's certificate covering the time.

Commissioner MACK moved that Mr. Duflocq be excused for the three days' absence, with pay.

Adopted.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from Mr. Jacob A. Riis, which was ordered printed in the Minutes and laid over.

NEW YORK, *January* 18, 1898.

MY DEAR MR. SNYDER:

Please excuse delay in answering your note of inquiry of January 11. I have been a bit under the weather.

You want my candid opinion as to the success that has attended the use of Public School No. 7 first and later No. 20, as a meeting place for Boys' Clubs under the auspices of the Public Education Society. My answer must be based largely upon the report of Miss Buck, the manager of the four clubs now sheltered in No. 20, but in that report I have full faith. However, I should like to have the Committee on Buildings join me in a visit to the school on some Saturday evening, when the clubs are in session, in order that we may see and judge together what actually goes on.

Two promises were made by me when I asked the privilege of the use of these classrooms—one that the property of the Department should be safe, the other that the experiment should prove to be of educational value. The first promise has been redeemed in your sight. No property has been destroyed or injured. The Department has been put to no expense whatever. The Society has defrayed the expense of the Janitor's fees as it said it would. It feels aggrieved these days because of the strike for vastly higher pay on the part of the Janitor of No. 20. It considers his demands unreasonable, even oppressive, but has chosen not to press any complaint of the matter, hoping for a reasonable adjustment.

As to the second promise, this is the way the case stands:

There are now four clubs sheltered in No. 20 on two, or, since the fire in the First street School, on one night in the week Their total membership is about 80, young boys from 13 to 16 or so, most of them at work and largely graduates of that school. They have an hour's romp in the playground before they take up the club-work, which is, to my mind, of the highest educational value as a means of drilling them in good citizenship and making little men of them, wholly apart from the fact that it keeps them off the street. I cannot doubt that the Committee will agree with me that the agency which amuses and instructs eighty young lads within the walls of a schoolhouse when they would otherwise very likely be roaming the streets, is educational in the truest sense, even if it takes no cognizance of "lessons" *as the* term is understood in the classroom.

As an experiment the school club is undoubtedly a success. I should like to go further; but the experiment has been limited, instead of extended, by the unfortunate fire which has brought a night school down upon No. 20 on the night when the club met. It has been hampered very greatly also by the lack of competent persons to take charge of the clubs. This was to an extent foreseen and will probably prevent the extension of the plan for which we had hoped, for some little time. That is the familiar story of all such beginnings and of all measures for public relief. It simply means that a few are fighting the battles out at the front in which by and by the main body, coming up with them, will join. It is the movement for small parks and playgrounds, for better tenements and for more and better schools, over again. I hope to find the Board of Education fighting always resolutely with the few in front, and so justifying the high opinion which the public have of it as now constituted.

I think we are witnessing the beginning of a very important experiment which so far has been entirely successful. I shall be glad, as I said, to have you and the Committee on Buildings join me in confirming that good opinion by a personal inspection.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) JACOB RIIS.

Public School 5.—Communication from Mrs. Mary E. Williams, Supervisor of Cooking, asking that kitchen apparatus now on the top floor of the building be placed in the new room which has been formed in former Janitor's apartments.

Commissioner MACK moved that the request be granted and the matter referred to the Superintendent.

Adopted.

Public Schools 98 and 138.—(Minutes, pp. 13 and 28.) Communication from Francis Crawford, President of the Board of Trustees of the Olin M. E. Church, stating that they would be willing to let the Social Hall of the Church for school purposes, furnishing light, heat and Janitor's service, for $1,000 per annum.

The Superintendent reported that he had communicated with Mr. Crawford and informed him that the Committee on Buildings did not decline the former proposition to rent this hall for school purposes, altogether on account of excessive rental, but also in view of the fact that an addition to P. S. 98 is to be erected at once.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Public Schools 105, 151, 154 and 155.—Mr. P. J. Walsh, contractor, appeared before the Committee and asked to be released from furnishing insurance on the above contracts for a longer period.

The Superintendent reported that these buildings are all practically completed and have been occupied for some time.

Commissioner MACK moved that the request of Mr. Walsh be granted.

Adopted.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that in future, in preparing names for the tablets to be placed in new school buildings, the title M. D. be affixed to the name of Daniel E. McSweeny.

Adopted.

Public School 127.—Communication from Mrs. John D. Townsend, Inspector Seventeenth School District, asking that this Committee reconsider its action in regard to ordering Janitor to vacate his apartments in the building, and he be allowed to remain, in view of the fact that it would be difficult to find suitable quarters in the neighborhood, etc., etc.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the time allowed this Janitor to vacate his apartments be extended from February 15th to March 15th, 1898, pending the receipt of a report from the Committee on Instruction as to the use to be made of the rooms.

Public School 12.—Commissioner HURLBUT moved that when *this new* building, East Broadway, Henry, Scammel and Gouver-

neur streets, is ready for occupancy, old P. S. 12, No. 371 Madison street, be renumbered, and the matter referred to the Committee on Instruction, with the suggestion that it be designated as P. S. 47.

Commissioner HURLBUT offered the following:

Public Schools 2, 13, 34, 93, 94, 97, 99 and 133—

Whereas, The above Buildings and Annexes are at this time as yet in an unfinished condition.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Buildings be requested to report to this Committee at its next meeting, the probable dates of their completion, and that he also report as to the condition of those Schools and Annexes now being erected and to be completed at certain fixed times in the future as to whether in his opinion such are sufficiently advanced to insure their completion at the time contracted for.

Adopted.

Public School 53.—Commissioner MCSWEENY moved that in view of the fact that the Committee on Instruction has not yet designated the purpose for which the Janitor's apartments are to be used, the time allowed him for vacating the premises be extended from February 15th to April 15th, 1898. This extension to be final, and in the meantime, if two of the rooms are required to be altered for new exits, the Janitor to vacate same at once.

Adopted.

Public School 57.—Miss E. A. Duggan, Principal of the Primary Department, appeared before the Committee and stated that steps should be taken at once to procure additional school accommodations in that vicinity, as all of her classes are very much overcrowded, besides having four half-day classes and a waiting list of 275. The only suitable and available building in the neighborhood is one which has already received the consideration of this Committee, No. 162 East One hundred and sixteenth street, the rent of which was thought excessive, but

she now understood that the owner was willing to accept a less amount. (See Minutes, 1897, p. 809.)

Mr. Emanuel Alexander, owner of the property, appeared before the Committee and stated that he would be willing to rent the premises in question for a term of two years at an annual rental of $2,000 and water tax; possession to be had February 1st, 1898; rent to begin April 1st, 1898.

The Superintendent reported that the building could be arranged to accommodate about five classes.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that in view of the fact that there are a sufficient number of children now on the waiting list at P. S. 57 to fill this building at once, it be hired on the terms stated above, notwithstanding the fact that the rent is considered rather high.

Adopted.

Public School 172.—The Superintendent submitted sketch plans of new school building to be erected on the site One hundred and eighth and One hundred and ninth streets, between First and Second avenues, providing for eighteen classrooms.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Instruction, with the statement that in the opinion of this Committee it would be advisable to erect a building on this site to accommodate a greater number of pupils.

Public School 174.—The Superintendent submitted sketch plans of new school building to be erected on the site Attorney street, between Rivington and Stanton streets, providing for twenty-four classrooms.

Commissioner MACK moved that the plans be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 75.—Mr. W. J. O'Shea, Principal, appeared before the Committee in behalf of the Janitor, on account of notice received to vacate his apartments in the school building.

Commissioner BURLINGHAM moved that the time allowed this

Janitor to vacate his apartments in the school building be extended from February 15th to March 15th, 1898, awaiting report from the Committee on Instruction as to the use to be made of the rooms.

Adopted.

Public School 116.—Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the time allowed the Janitor to vacate his apartments in the school building be extended from February 15th to March 15th, 1898, pending the receipt of report from the Committee on Instruction as to the use to be made of the rooms.

Adopted.

Public School 39.—The Superintendent presented a certificate from M. A. Kadien, M. D., stating that James D. Keenan, Janitor, was under his care from December 18th, 1897, to January 3d, 1898. (See Minutes, p. 45.)

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

The Acting Chairman reported having signed on January 24th, 1898, the following specifications in approval for the Committee:

Erecting an addition to Public School 98.

Glass for Public Schools in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

Slate Blackboards for Public School 93.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the Acting Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The Committee granted an extension of time on the following contracts:

Public School 34.—Narragansett Machine Co. Furniture, Item III.; dated August 2, 1897; extended to January 20, 1898.

Public School 35.—(Boys' High School.) Buffalo School Furniture Co.; dated July 17, 1897; extended to January 19, 1898.

Public School 62.—(Mixed High School.) C. H. Browne. Furniture, Item II.; dated July 17, 1897; extended to January 14, 1898.

Public School 69.—Gedney Building Co. Alterations, etc.; dated June 7, 1897; extended to January 14, 1898.

Public School 152.—C. H. Browne. Furniture, Item I.; dated August 4, 1897; extended to January 14, 1898.

Public School 154.—C. H. Browne. Furniture, Item III.; dated July 9, 1897; extended to January 10, 1898.

Public School 156.—Richmond School Furniture Co. Furniture, Item IV.; dated August 2, 1897; extended to January 20, 1898.

The Committee approved and signed the following final payments:

Public School 34.—Narragansett Machine Co.; Furniture, Item III.,	.	.	$835
" " 35.—(Boys' High School); Buffalo School Furniture Co.; Furniture,	.	.	840
" " 62.—(Mixed High School); C. H. Browne; Furniture, Item II.,	.	.	740
" " 69.—Gedney Building Co.; Alterations, etc.			854
" " 152.—C. H. Browne; Furniture, Item I.,	.		825
" " 154.—C. H. Browne; Furniture, Item III.,			500
" " 156.—Richmond School Furniture Co.; Furniture, Item IV,	.	.	880

Final payment on order on contract of the New Jersey Church-School Furniture Co., for New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item III.

P. S. 46, ... $101 50

Final payment on order of the Buffalo School Furniture Co., New Slates for Old School Buildings.

P. S. 33, ... $3 78

Final payment on orders on contract of the Cleveland School

rniture Co., New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item I.

P. S. 31,	$6 85
P. S. 74,	27 40
P. S. 163,	24 41
P. S. 114,	20 40
P. S. 134,	4 02
	$83 08

Final payment on orders on contract of C. H. Browne, New rniture for Old School Buildings, Item I.

P. S. 3,	$16 32	
P. S. 8,	19 30	Includes 64c. omitted on first payment
P. S. 21,	3 52	
P. S. 48,	2 93	
P. S. 51,	4 08	
P. S. 57,	18 80	
P. S. 60,	4 08	
P. S. 61,	22 44	
P. S. 70,	7 03	
P. S. 75,	29 64	
P. S. 78,	12 24	
P. S. 86,	5 95	
P. S. 117,	9 38	
P. S. 154,	4 08	
Mott Avenue Church,	15 75	
	$175 54	

The Committee signed the following payrolls for the week ding January 22d, 1898:

Inspectors on New Buildings, etc.,	$867 00
Inspectors on Repair Work,	189 00
Inspectors on Sanitary Work,	108 00
Inspectors on Furniture,	75 00

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid :

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.				
141.	Public School	7.—Repairs to radiators and boilers,		$155 00
142.	" "	8.—Gas fixtures,		10 00
143.	" "	10.—Repairs, etc., to bells,		18 00
144.	" "	10.—Repairs and additions to heating apparatus,		300 00
145.	" "	24.—Repairs and additions to heating apparatus,		150 00
146.	" "	29.—Repairs to urinal,		35 00
147.	" "	33.—Repairs to heating apparatus,		16 00
148.	" "	37.—Supply closets,		68 00
149.	" "	50.—Lantern,		11 75
150.	" "	50.—New sink,		16 00
151.	" "	152.—Annex. Cleaning and disinfecting vaults,		20 00
152.	" "	56.—Gas fixtures,		9 00
153.	" "	58.—Carpet runner,		10 40
154.	" "	60.—Repairs to heating apparatus,		85 00
155.	" "	85.—Gas fixtures,		6 00
156.	" "	95.—Linoleum and shades,		10 96
157.	" "	96.—Changes to sign,		38 00
158.	" "	98.—Venetian blinds,		182 00
159.	" "	100.—Stove,		27 00
160.	" "	117.—Sash openings,		68 00
161.	" "	121.—Repairs to clocks,		9 50
162.	" "	125.—Slate blackboards,		9 00
163.	" "	130.—Painting wall,		48 00
164.	" "	156.—Resetting slate blackboards, etc.,		14 00
165.	" "	161.—Door checks,		22 00
166.	Nos. 585-587 Broadway.	—Steam coil in drying room,		70 00

Granted.

The Superintendent asked that appropriations be made to pay the following bills, incurred on verbal orders issued by his authority or where prices are fixed, etc.:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.				
167.	John Byrns	—Jan. 3, 1898.—Repairing leak in pipe in cellar No. 146 Grand street,	$3	59
168.	"	" —Jan. 3, 1898.—Repairing sink P. S. 4,	2	90
169.	"	" —Jan. 3, 1898.—Repairing Croton burst, P. S. 15,	5	13
170.	"	" —Jan. 3, 1898.—Repairing and resetting water closet, P. S. 106,	4	44
171.	"	" —Jan. 5, 1898.—Putting new self-closing cocks in boys' playground sink, P. S. 21,	5	87
172,	"	" —Jan. 5, 1898.—Repairing leak in boys' watercloset, P. S. 108,	6	19
173.	John Buchanan	—Jan. 8, 1898.—Repairing water-closet tank, etc., P. S. 94,	6	15
174.	Charles Lurch	—Jan. 8, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P.S. 50,	2	50

Commissioner MACK moved that the bills be approved and appropriations made.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Clerk.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1898.

The Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 3:00 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Acting Chairman, and Commissioners BURLINGHAM, HURLBUT, MACK and MCSWEENY—5.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that in signing the final payment on orders on contract of C. H. Browne for new furniture for old school buildings, Item I., Public School 76, amounting to $38.76 (see Minutes, 1897, p. 876), there should have been one dollar added, which was omitted from the first payment.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the Minutes, 1897, page 876, be amended by striking out on the fourth line from the bottom, the amount "$38.76" and inserting "$39.76," and in the last line by striking out "$125.24," and inserting "$126.24."

Adopted.

In response to advertisements inserted in the *City Record* for ten days soliciting proposals for erecting an addition to Public School 98; New Furniture for New Addition to Public School 94; Improving Lots Adjoining, and Premises of Public School 3; Improving Lots Adjoining, and Premises of Public School 113, and slate blackboards for Addition to Public School 93, the following bids were received:

Public School 98.

ERECTING AN ADDITION.

Collier-Weeks Co.,	$69,000
P. Gallagher,	70,789

M. F. Cusack,	$73,343
Luke A. Burke,	74,400
H. Probst,	61,337
McEntee & O'Brien,	73,027
Mapes-Reeve Construction Co.,	70,643
Christopher Nally Co.,	74,300
Jennings & Welstead,	66,608

Public School 3.

IMPROVING LOTS ADJOINING, AND PREMISES OF.

Jennings & Welstead,	$13,500
John H. Goetschius,	14,485
Christopher Nally Co.,	15,614
Jones & O'Connor,	14,559
James Hamilton,	16,972
Ryan & McFerran,	13,900
Thomas B. Leahy,	15,783
Alfred Nugent & Son,	14,949
William Horne,	14,591

Public School 113.

IMPROVING LOTS ADJOINING, AND PREMISES OF.

John Fury,	$6,700
Jennings & Welstead,	7,392
John H. Goetschius,	7,267
Christopher Nally Co.,	7,790
James Hamilton,	8,344
Jones & O'Connor,	8,737
Alfred Nugent & Son,	6,969
William Horne,	8,000

Addition, Public School 93.

SLATE BLACKBOARDS.

Leopold J. Stern,	29.75 cents per sq. ft.
Consolidated Lehigh Slate Co. (Ltd.),	27.9 " "

The award in each case was made to the lowest bidder, as follows:

Public School	98.—H. Probst, ...	$61,337
"	3.—Jennings & Welstead, . .	13,500
"	113.—John Fury, ...	6,70
"	93.—Consolidated Lehigh Slate Co., (Ltd.), 27.9 cents per sq. ft., or	558

Public School 94.

NEW FURNITURE FOR NEW ADDITION.

	Item I.	Item II.	Item III.	Item IV.
Manhattan Supply Co.,	$1,397 80			
C. Roehr & Sons, .	1,548 00			$1,957
Consolidated Lehigh Slate Co. (Ltd.), .		28.25 cents per sq. ft.		
Narragansett Machine Co., ...			$830	
Richmond School Furniture Co., . .				1,637
E. J. Johnson & Co., .		31.75 cents per sq. ft.		
C. H. Browne, . .	1,494 00		895	
New Jersey School-Church Furniture Co.,				1,554
Buffalo School Furniture Co., ...			825	1,600
Leopold J. Stern, . .		29.75 cents per sq. ft.		

In regard to bid of the Buffalo School Furniture Co. on Item III., the Deputy Superintendent stated that contracts now held by this Company for supplying gymnastic apparatus have not been satisfactorily completed, although the contract time expired some time since.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that, in view of the statement made by the Deputy Superintendent, the award in the case of

Item III. be made to the Narragansett Machine Co., the second lowest bidders, for $830.

Adopted.

The other contracts were awarded to the lowest bidders, as follows:

Item I.	Manhattan Supply Co., ...	$1,397 80
" II.	Consolidated Lehigh Slate Co. (Ltd.), 28.25c. per sq. ft., or	706 25
" IV.	New Jersey School-Church Furniture Co.,	1,554 00

Public School 46.—Recommendation from the City Superintendent as to number of departments, classrooms, etc., to be provided in the new addition. (See Minutes, pp. 30, 43 and 58.)

A communication was received from the Committee on Instruction, returning report in regard to the number of classrooms, etc., to be provided in the new building, stating that when classes are formed in the new addition, the children from the Hebrew Orphan Asylum who are at present in Annex in One hundred and fifty-fifth street will be placed in separate classes.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the report of the Committee on Instruction be approved.

Adopted.

Relative to letter from the Clerk of the Board as to insurance on contracts, etc., presented by the Acting Chairman. (See Minutes, pp. 33, 43 and 59.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Relative to suggestion of Commissioner Burlingham that ventilators be placed in windows of old school buildings, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 48 and 59.)

The Deputy Superintendent reported that an investigation had been made and it is found that about 4,400 windows con-

tained in one hundred buildings, require ventilating sash in the lower portion of same, which would cost about $6,600.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file, as there are no funds at present to carry out the suggestions.

Public School 170.—Matter of contract of Messrs. T. Mahoney & Sons, for erecting new school building, One hundred and Eleventh and One hundred and twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues. (See Minutes 1897, p. 863, and Minutes 1898, pp. 31, 49 and 60.)

Laid over.

Communication from the Committee on Instruction asking for information as to relative cost of school buildings which will accommodate from twelve to fifteen hundred and those which will accommodate about three thousand. (See Minutes, p. 62.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Communication from Mr. Jacob Riis. (See Minutes, p. 63.)

Laid over.

Public Schools 2, 13, 34, 93, 94, 97, 99 and 113.—Resolution of Commissioner Hurlbut in regard to condition of work at these buildings, etc. (See Minutes, p. 67.)

Laid over.

The following report was received from the Committee on Instruction in regard to the use to be made of Janitors' apartments in several school buildings (see Minutes, pp. 42 and 43), which was ordered printed in the Minutes and laid over.

NEW YORK, *January* 31, 1898.

To the Committee on Buildings:

In reference to the disposition to be made of rooms vacated by Janitors of certain schools, the Committee on Instruction reports that the following recommendations have been made by

the City Superintendent, and that said recommendations are approved by the Committee on Instruction:

Public School 6.—The Janitor's rooms are not suitable for classrooms. Some of the rooms, however, might be occupied for a cooking class or the partitions might be removed, and the whole space converted into a shop for the Manual Training Class. (The Committee recommends that the room be prepared for a Manual Training Class.)

Public School 21.—The rooms occupied by the Janitor cannot be used for any school purpose. The largest room is in the cellar. The others are very small and cannot be enlarged. Nothing is to be gained by the removal of the Janitor of this school. I recommend that the Janitor be allowed to retain his rooms in School 21. The conditions in this building are quite different from those in other buildings and I think an exception might be made in this case.

Public School 53.—The rooms occupied by the Janitor of School 53 might be used for Teachers' rooms, library and Janitor's office.

Public School 74.—The Janitor's rooms in this school are on the top floor of the building, one on each side of the main staircase. Each room is sub-divided for living purposes, but the partitions may be removed. There will then be two rooms, each twenty-four feet square or thereabout. These rooms will make excellent work-shops, and I recommend that they be prepared for the purposes calling for such accommodations.

Public School 75.—Three of the Janitor's rooms might be transformed, by tearing down partitions, etc., into a workshop for boys. The expense, however, would be great, as the stone stairway would have to be extended in order to reach the same, and the partitions, of course, would have to be torn down. Moreover, the time occupied in the repairing would be considerable, and it is probable that soon after the completion of same, the

workshop thus secured would become entirely useless. The rooms referred to could not be used for Kindergarten purposes. In my judgment, in view of all the premises, the Janitor and his family should be permitted to remain on the fifth floor as at present.

Public School 118.—The Janitor's rooms are not suitable for classroom purposes. The approach to them is by a very narrow, spiral staircase. Some of the rooms might be used for a school library.

Public School 127.—If the rule regarding the removal of the Janitor can be suspended in this case, I would advise that the Janitor be permitted to remain in the building for the better protection of the premises, especially at times when the school is not in session. The Janitor's family consists of himself and wife, two grown-up sons, 30 and 33 years of age respectively, one of whom is his helper, and two assistants. The building is kept in excellent condition. Mr. Haight has lived in it for thirty-three years and has served the Board faithfully.

Public School 162.—The rooms are on the ground floor. Two of them are small and might be possibly used as a library room, but there is absolutely no demand for such use as the school is very small and it has no children on the refused list. The large room is dark and damp. The school could make no use of these rooms even if they were transformed into classrooms as this is a small Primary School. There are even now about one hundred seats more than the register of the school requires.

Public School 116.—Could not recommend these rooms for classrooms because they are but 9′ 6″ high. There is but one window through which the light gains access to the rooms, hence the light could not be equally diffused. Proper ventilation would be impossible. It is therefore recommended that the parlor and the two bedrooms adjoining same be utilized to extend the floor space of the yard by removing the walls separating these rooms from the yard, and that the other rooms be arranged

for library purposes and for conferences, by removing the partitions and making one large room.

Public Schools 96 and 161.—Will be reported upon at a later date.

Respectfully,
(Signed) ARTHUR McMULLER,
Clerk.

Communications from Mr. Arthur H. Bussman and Mr. George W. Armitage resigning their positions as Assistant Draughtsmen, to take effect January 29th and 31st, 1898, respectively.

Accepted.

The Deputy Superintendent submitted communications from the following Assistant Draughtsmen asking to be excused for absence on account of personal illness:

Fred. W. Sherwin, ...	3 days
F. H. Blackledge, ...	10½ "
H. R. Halsey, ...	2 "
John Boyle, ...	3 "
Joe. T. Murphy, ...	5 "

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that their absence be excused with pay.

Adopted.

From Messrs. Meeker, Carter, Booram & Co., relative to furnishing salt glazed brick for Public School 153, Andrews and Burnside avenues and other school buildings.

Laid over.

Public School 155.—A report was received from the Superintendent stating that he had given instructions to have furniture under contract placed in the classrooms according to the present By-Laws, 40 in Grammar Department and 50 in Primary Department, this arrangement meeting with the approval of the Principal.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Public School 154.—Communication from William Murphy, Janitor, under date of January 24th, 1898, reporting a case of diphtheria in his family.

A report was received from the Superintendent stating that he wrote Mr. Murphy immediately that neither he nor his assistants must hold any communication whatever with his family until he can furnish a doctor's certificate to the effect that there is no further danger of contagion.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

Public School 95.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of living apartments having been altered for school purposes.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that according to the By-laws this Janitor is entitled to an annual salary of $1,001, being an increase of $26; to take effect January 1st, 1897.

Granted.

Public School 159.—From Rudolph Loreck, in behalf of Dr. Florian Krug, relative to damage, etc., to premises No. 229 East One hundred and nineteenth street. (See Minutes, p. 50).

The Deputy Superintendent reported that a copy of this communication had been forwarded to Mr. P. J. Walsh, contractor for new Public School 159, One hundred and nineteenth and One hundred and twentieth streets, between Second and Third avenues, who, under the terms of his contract, is responsible for all damage done to adjoining property, and that Mr. Loreck had been notified of this fact.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board stating the facts.

From Inspectors of the Fourteenth School District, relative to the designation of one school building in every District in which rooms may be set aside for use during the evening by clubs or societies of school graduates, for educational purposes, etc.

Laid over.

Public School 103.—From Inspectors of the Twenty-seventh School District, calling attention to the fact that several windows on platform should be made to swing open so as to admit light and air.

Referred to the Deputy Superintendent with power.

Public Schools 6, 53 and 96.—From the Board of School Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth District, asking that these Janitors be allowed to remain in their apartments in the school buildings.

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that in view of the fact that the Committee on Instruction has reported that Janitors' apartments in Public Schools 6 and 53 can be used to advantage for school purposes, the Inspectors be notified that the Committee on Buildings does not deem it advisable to reconsider its former action in these cases and that the matter of P. S. 96 be laid over for a further report from the Committee on Instruction.

Adopted.

Public School 13 and Girl's High School.—From Mrs. M. G. Van Rensselaer, President of the Public Education Association, asking permission in behalf of the Art Committee to hang collections of pictures in the schools.

Commissioner MACK moved that the request be granted.

Adopted.

Public School 2.—Application from D. F. Gibb, contractor for erecting addition, etc., to have the sixth payment on his contract, amounting to $16,000, divided into two payments, $12,000 and $4,000 respectively, stating that this payment calls for all the work in old building to be completed, which cannot be done until the addition is finished; also that there only remains about $1,000 worth of work to be done before it is due.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the statement made by Mr. Gibb is correct, as $1,200 at the outside would complete the work called for in this payment.

Commissioner MACK moved that the sixth payment be divided as requested, and hereafter to be known as follows:

6th. When work in old building is substantially completed, $12,000.

6thA. When work in old building is completed and accepted, $4,000.

Adopted.

Public School 74.—Application from the Janitor to have time allowed him to vacate apartments in the school building, extended from February 15th, 1898, on account of difficulty in obtaining rooms in the neighborhood.

Commissioner BURLINGHAM moved that the time be extended from February 15th to March 1st, 1898.

Adopted.

Public School 21.—Assignment of Cornelius Manning to Mayer Hyams of moneys now due and to become due, on contract for repairs, alterations, etc., of 1897, amounting to $726.

Commissioner MCSWEENY moved that the assignment be approved.

Adopted.

The following communication was received from the City Superintendent in reply to a request from the Superintendent of School Buildings to designate the order in which a number of sites shall be improved:

NEW YORK, *January* 31, 1898.

To the Committee on Buildings:

Replying to yours under date of the 14th inst., in reference to the re-arrangement of the sites to be improved, I would respectfully recommend that the additions and buildings be erected in the following order:

1. Site for a new school on One hundred and eighth and One hundred and ninth streets, east of Second avenue.

2. 12 lots on Ninety-ninth and One hundredth streets, between Second and Third avenues, beginning 255 feet west of Second avenue, for new building for Public School 109, leased.

3. 16 lots on Amethyst avenue (proposed) and Victor street (proposed), beginning 175 feet north of Morris Park avenue, Van Nest Park (12 to 16 rooms).

4. Site for Public School 119 (leased) on One hundred and thirty-third and One hundred and thirty-fourth streets, east of Eighth avenue.

5. Site for a new school on the west side of Attorney street, between Rivington and Stanton streets.

6. Plot 210'x111'6" on north side of One hundred and sixty-third street, between Morris and Grant avenues, West Morrisania (12 to 16 rooms).

7. Site for a new building for Public School 39 on south side of One hundred and twenty-sixth street, in rear of school.

8. Site on the west side of Ogden avenue for addition to Public School 91.

9. Site south side of One hundred and fifty-sixth street on west side of Public School 46.

10. Site on east side of Wadsworth avenue, One hundred and eighty-second and One hundred and eighty-third streets, adjoining what is left of site of Public School 132 (Old Primary School 32).

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,

City Superintendent.

Commissioner MACK moved that the report of the City Superintendent be approved and referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings to carry out the suggestions as far as practicable.

Adopted.

Public School 69.—Commissioner Burlingham stated that the building No. 123 West Fifty-fourth street, adjoining, should be removed; as it is a great detriment to the school, and moved that the matter be referred to the Superintendent to prepare

plans at once for the erection of an addition as heretofore approved by this Committee (see Minutes, 1897, p. 827), in order that the building may be removed as soon as possible.

Adopted.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that Appropriation No. 107 from General Repair Fund, amounting to $12.75, made January 17, 1898 (see Minutes, p. 52), should be rescinded, as Messrs. Sheppard, Knapp & Co., the successful bidders, have informed this office that their estimate of $12.75 did not include all the work covered by the specifications, but only linoleum required for two teachers' rooms and not themirrors; also that they have submitted a new figure amounting to $29.25, covering all the articles called for, which is the lowest estimate received.

Ordered, That appropriation No. 107, $12.75, from General Repair Fund, be rescinded.

The Acting Chairman reported having approved the following apportionment of rent allowances for Janitors:

Public School	6	$299 per annum,	. .	Feb. 15, 1898
" "	21	234 "	. . .	Feb. 15, 1898
" "	53	273 "	. . .	April 15, 1898
" "	74	299 "	. . .	March 1, 1898
" "	75	325 "	. . .	March 15, 1898
" "	116	299 "	. . .	March 15, 1898
" "	118	221 "	. . .	Feb. 15, 1898
" "	161	299 "	. . .	Feb. 15, 1898
" "	162	260 "	. . .	Feb. 15, 1898

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the action of the Acting Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The Committee signed the following pay-rolls:

For month of January, 1898.

Bond Account—Draughtsmen, . . .	$4,183 81
High School Bonds—Draughtsmen, . .	605 82

Repair Account—Draughtsmen, . .	$229 67
Sanitary Account—Draughtsmen, . .	229 66
Furniture Account—Draughtsmen, . .	65 00

For week ending January 29, 1898:

Bond Account—Inspectors, . . .	$867 00

From January 24th to 31, 1898, inclusive:

Repair Account—Inspectors, . . .	$220 50
Sanitary Account—Inspectors, . . .	126 00
Furniture Account—Inspectors, . .	87 50

The Committee granted an extension of time on the following contracts:

Public School 37.—C. H. Browne. Furniture, Item I., dated March 15, 1897; extended to January 5, 1898.

Public School 47.—(Girls' High School.) Buffalo School Furniture Co.; dated July 17, 1897; extended to January 26, 1898.

Public School 62 (Old).—(Mixed High School.) C. H. Browne. Furniture, Item I.; signed July 16, 1897; extended to January 24, 1898.

Public School 91. John Fury. Sanitary, etc.; dated July 17, 1897; extended to Jannary 25, 1898.

Public School 131.—C. Roehr & Sons. Furniture, Item I.; dated August 6, 1897; extended to January 26, 1898.

Public School 155.—Cleveland School Furniture Co. Furniture, Item IV., dated July 10, 1897; extended to January 20, 1898.

The Committee approved and signed the following final payments:

Public School 37.—C. H. Browne; Furniture, Item I.,		$700 00
" 47.—(Girls' High School.) Buffalo School Furniture Co.; Furniture, .		871 00
" 62.—(Mixed High School.) C. H. Browne; Furniture, Item I., . . .		940 00

Public School 91.—John Fury; Sanitary, etc., . 1,270 00
" 131.—C. Roehr & Sons; Furniture, Item I. 248 00
" 155.—Cleveland School Furniture Co., Item IV., ... 438 84

Final payment on orders on contract of the Cleveland School Furniture Co., for New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item IV.

P. S. 68, ...	$44 50
P. S. 110, ...	15 43
	$59 93

Final payment on orders on contract of the Buffalo School Furniture Co., for New Slates for Old School Buildings.

P. S. 141, ...	$16 20
P. S. 62, ...	6 21
P. S. 91, ...	9 72
	$32 13

The Committee opened the following bids:

Public School 84.—Alterations to First Story.

W. W. Luyster, ...	$893 00
P. Sullivan, ...	964 00
Thos. McKeown, ...	977 00
Jas. Hamilton, ...	1,125 00

Temporary School.—Partitions, New Water Closets, etc. No. 162 E. 116th St.

P. Sullivan, ...	$896 00
Werner & Haas, ...	1,058 00
Wm. H. Wright & Sons, ...	1,150 00

The award was made in each case to the lowest bidder, as follows:

App. No.
238. P. S. 84.—W. W. Luyster, . . . $893 00
239. P. S. 57, Annex.—P. Sullivan, No. 162 E. 116th St., ... 896 00

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations

Relative to letter from the Clerk of the Board as to Insurance on contracts, etc., presented by the Acting Chairman. (See Minutes, pp. 33, 43, 59 and 78.)

Laid over, awaiting a report from the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 170.—Matter of contract of T. Mahoney & Sons, for erecting new school building, One hundred and eleventh and One hundred and twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues. (See Minutes, 1897, p. 863 and Minutes, 1898, pp. 31, 49, 60 and 79.)

Laid over.

Communication from the Committee on Instruction asking for information as to relative cost of school buildings which will accommodate from twelve to fifteen hundred and those which will accommodate about three thousand. (See Minutes, pp. 62 and 79.)

Awaiting a report from the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Communication from Mr. Jacob Riis. (See Minutes, pp. 63 and 79.)

Laid over.

Public Schools 2, 13, 34, 93, 94, 97, 99 and 133.—Resolutions of Commissioner HURLBUT in regard to condition of work at these buildings, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 67 and 79.)

The Superintendent submitted the following communication:

OFFICE, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS,
Nos. 585–587 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, *February* 14, 1898.

To the Committee on Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your request for a report as to condition of Schools and Annexes now being erected and to be completed in a certain fixed time, as to whether or not in my opinion such are sufficiently advanced to insure completion in the time contracted for, I respectfully submit the following:

Public School 2, Addition, D. F. Gibb, contractor. Contract time expired January 20th, 1898. Building is ready for the roof, and will require from four to five months to complete the work.

Public School 13, Addition, Messrs. Jones & O'Connor, contractors. Contract time expired December 31st, 1897. Building will be ready for pupils about March 1st, 1898.

Publ'c School 34, Addition, Messrs. Murphy Brothers, contractors. Building has been occupied by pupils since the first of February.

Public School 94, Addition, Messrs. Tolmie & Luyster, contractors. Contract time expired December 31st, 1897. Plastering will be finished this week, and it will require at least sixty days to complete the work. Recommend that contractors be summoned before this Committee to show cause why contract should not be cancelled.

Public School 93, Addition, Messrs. Thomas Cockerill & Son, contractors. Building has been occupied by pupils since February 1st, 1898.

Public School 97, Addition, Messrs. Ryan & Ryan, contractors. Contract time expired December 31st, 1897. Building will be ready so that pupils can be transferred from the old to the new building about March 1st or 15th. In this connection, would call attention to the fact, that under the terms of the contract, upon the completion of the new addition, the children will be transferred thereto and a large amount of repairs, etc., effected in the old portion of the building. I now recommend that, inasmuch as the contractors have over-run their time to such an extent upon the completion of the addition for the use of the pupils, the contractors be notified that their work in old portion of the structure must stand over until vacation, as the school cannot be longer disturbed.

Public School 99, Addition, Thomas Dwyer, contractor. Contract time expired October 1st, 1897. Building is substantially completed, and has been occupied since February 1st, 1898.

Public School 133, erecting an additional story, Thomas Dwyer, contractor. Contract time expired December 2d, 1897. All the new classrooms, eight in number, are occupied. Work not yet completed in basement and first story.

Public School 1, Henry, Catharine and Oliver streets, P. J. Brennan, contractor. Contract time expires May 1st, 1898, and building will be ready about March 15th, but cannot, however, be occupied, as furniture contracts are not yet signed, although let on December 21st, 1897.

Public School 42, Hester, Orchard and Ludlow streets, P. J. Brennan, contractor. Contract time expires August 30th, 1898. Roof of building is nearly in place, and work will probably be completed on time.

Public School 12, East Broadway, Scammel, Henry and Gouverneur streets, Harry McNally, contractor. Contract time expires May 27th, 1898, and building will be completed on time.

Public School 102, City Island, H. Probst, contractor. Contract time expires March 15th, 1898. Roof is being put in place, but building will not be completed much before April 15th, 1898, as, owing to the exposed location, work cannot be carried on in stormy and extreme weather.

Public School 165, One hundred and eighth to One hundred and ninth streets, between Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard, Harry McNally, contractor. Contract time expires August, 1898, and building will be ready at that time.

Public School 166, Eighty-ninth street, between Columbus and Amsterdam avenues. P. J. Brennan, contractor. Contract time expires November, 1898. Beams and columns being set and work will undoubtedly be completed on time.

Public School 160, Rivington and Suffolk streets, The Mapes-Reeve Construction Co., contractors. Contract time expires August, 1898, and building will be completed on time.

***Public* School 40,** South side Twentieth street, between

First and Second avenues, P. J. Walsh, contractor. Contract time expires December, 1898, and building will be completed.

Public School 158, Avenue A, between Seventy-seventh and Seventy-eighth streets, Luke A. Burke, contractor. Contract time expires August, 1898. Roof not yet on and work has been much delayed on account of poor iron. It is doubtful if the building will be completed on time unless the contractors use extra exertions.

Public School 159, One hundred and nineteenth and One hundred and twentieth streets, between Second and Third avenues, P. J. Walsh, contractor. Contract time expires December, 1898. Foundations are being put in place and there appears to be no reason why the building cannot be completed on time.

Public School 63, One hundred and sixty-third street and Fulton avenue, James D. Murphy, contractor. Contract time expires on May 11th, 1898, and building will be completed on time.

Public School 153, Andrews and Burnside avennes, J. J. Loonie, contractor. Contract time expires April 21st, 1898. Second tier of beams is being set, but great delay has been experienced on account of the poor quality of brick, and it will probably be June 1st, 1898, before the building is completed.

Public School 137, Essex Market, P. K. Lantry, contractor. Contract time expires on April 15th, 1898, and work will be completed on that date.

Public School 157, St. Nicholas avenue and One hundred and twenty-sixth street, Messrs. McCabe Brothers, contractors. Contract time expires June 10th, 1898. Roof not completed and side walls not much above the fourth tier of beams. I understand there has been some financial difficulty experienced by these contractors and that there is to be a meeting of creditors this afternoon to see what can be done towards carrying on the building.

The following contracts have just been commenced and there-

fore no definite prediction can be made as to whether or not they will be completed on time.

Public School 164, One hundred and forty-first street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues, Messrs. T. Mahoney & Sons, contractors.

Public School 169, Audubon avenue, between One hundred and sixty-eighth and One hundred and sixty-ninth streets, H. Probst, contractor.

Public School 167, Mott and Walton avenues, One hundred and forty-fourth and One hundred and forty-sixth streets, P. Gallagher, contractor.

Public School 173, South side One hundred and eighty-third street, between Beaumont and Cambreleng avenues. J. J. Loonie, contractor.

Respectfully,

(Signed) C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

Ordered, That Messrs. Tolmie & Luyster, contractors Addition, etc., P. S. 94; D. F. Gibb, contractor, Addition, etc., P. S. 2; Messrs. C. and P. Ryan, contractors, Addition, etc., P. S. 97; Messrs. McCabe Brothers, contractors new P. S. 157 be summoned to appear before this Committee at the next meeting.

Report from the Committee on Instruction in regard to the use to be made of Janitors' apartments in several school buildings (see Minutes, pp. 42 and 43), which was ordered printed in the Minutes and laid over (see Minutes, p. 79).

Ordered, That the recommendations in regard to Janitors' apartments, Public Schools 6, 53, 74 and 116 be carried out.

Ordered, That the Janitors of Public Schools 21, 75 and 127 be allowed to remain in their apartments in the buildings at the discretion of this Committee.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 118.—*Ordered,* That the matter of allowing Janitor to remain on the premises be referred to the Superintendent for report.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 162.—*Ordered*, That the partitions be removed and the rooms now occupied by the Janitor thrown into the playground.

From Messrs. Meeker, Carter, Booram & Co., relative to furnishing salt glazed brick for wainscoting in new school building, Andrews and Burnside avenues and other school buildings (see Minutes, p. 82).

Mr. MACK moved that the brown salt glazed brick be approved for this contract, with the understanding that they be furnished at the same price to other contractors, if required by them; also that where these brick are called for, contractors shall have the privilege of using either the above manufacture, or Person's.

Adopted.

From Inspectors of the Fourteenth School District, relative to the designation of one school building in each District, in which rooms may be set aside for use during the evening by clubs or societies of school graduates for educational purposes, etc. (see Minutes, p. 83).

Mr. BURLINGHAM moved that the matter be laid over and Mr. James K. Paulding, Inspector of the Fifth School District, who is deeply interested, be invited to attend the next meeting and state his views.

Adopted.

The following list of leases which expire during the year 1898 was received from Mr. Arthur McMullin, Secretary School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, which was ordered printed in the Minutes and laid over.

LEASES EXPIRING DURING THE YEAR 1898.

Location.	Lessor.	Use.	Date of Expiration.
263–5 W. 124th St.	Wm. A. Martin,	P. S. 123,	May 1, 1898.
155th St. and 10th Ave.,	Fanny Keary,	An. P. S. 46,	Oct. 6, 1898.
230 E. 125th St.,	John P. Walther *et al.*,	An. P. S. 39,	Dec. 15, 1898.
141st St. and Brook Avenue,	Hermann Stursberg,	An. P. S. 84,	March 15, 1898.
* 1941 Madison Ave.,	Wm. A. Martin,	P. S. 24,	July 1, 1898.
71–73 Pitt St.,	Julia A. Heron, by E. H. Carpenter, Att'y,	An. P. S. 4,	May 1, 1898.
599 E. 140th St.,	H. M., M. S. & C. P. Sterling,	P. S. 143,	Oct. 15, 1898.
68th St. near Boulevard,	Trustees, Calvary Baptist Church,	An. P. S. 94,	April 30, 1898.
71st St. and Boulevard,	Rev. M. A. Taylor, Pastor, Church of the Blessed Sacrament,	An. P. S. 94,	Feb. 1, 1898.
167th St. and Southern Boulevard,	Elizabeth M. Barry,	An. P. S. 61,	March 24, 1898.

* Special clause in lease—"Lessees to give notice of their intention to renew on or before February 1, 1898."

Public School 87.—Communication from the City Superintendent, to whom was referred a letter from the Janitor of the school, stating that teachers in the Female Department, during the week ending December 24th, 1897, kept the children in the building until four and five o'clock, P. M., reporting that the teachers, during the week mentioned, had detained some of the pupils in order to prepare for the exercises for the Christmas Reception, which was in violation of Section 56, paragraph 16, of the By-Laws, some being detained as late as 4:30 P. M.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

Public School 87.—From Theodore F. Naudin, Janitor, relative to boys remaining on the school premises until five minutes after five P. M., without a teacher in charge.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Acting Chairman for a report.

Public Schools 98 and 138.—(See Minutes, pp. 13, 28 and 65.) From the City Superintendent stating that these two buildings are very much overcrowded, and in his opinion, pupils will be refused admission at either school within a few months, and recommending that an addition to P. S. 138 be built, to contain at least six classrooms, and if possible to provide the department with an assembly room for literary and patriotic exercises, etc.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that a contract for the erection of an addition to P. S. 98 had been let and the matter was now pending before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; also that there is sufficient ground at P. S. 138, now in the possession of the Board, on which to erect a building such as recommended, without waiting for the acquisition of additional property now in process of condemnation.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Instruction for a report, with the recommendation that a two-story addition to P. S. 138 be erected at once.

HALL OF THE BOARD.—The Superintendent suggested that an

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Inspector be stationed on the new building, Fifty-ninth street and Park avenue.

Ordered, That an Inspector be stationed on the new building, as suggested by the Superintendent.

Public School 85.—The Superintendent called attention to the fact that as the lease of Annex expires on March 15th, 1898, and will not be renewed, the services of Mr. Henry C. Van Orden, Janitor and Caretaker, will not be required after that date.

Mr. MACK moved that the services of Mr. Van Orden be dispensed with on and after March 15th, 1898.

Adopted.

Public Schools 2, 37, 57, 75, 90 and 96.—The Superintendent reported having excused the Janitors of these schools from duty on Wednesday, February 9th, 1898, each having given the name and address of Assistant to be left in charge.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Public School 97.—Communication from Michael E. Devlin, Principal, stating that in his opinion some remuneration should be made to the officers of the Odd Fellows' Home for use of rooms for school purposes, as when the building was offered it was thought that the new Annex to Public School 97 would be ready for pupils by January 1st, 1898.

Ordered, That the matter be laid over and Mr. Devlin requested to state how many classes are accommodated in the building; how many pupils are in attendance, and to give an opinion as to the amount of rent to be paid and from what date.

Public School 73.—From the Principal of the school announcing the death of Mr. Thomas Reilly, Janitor, on February 7th, 1898.

Public School 21.—Communication from James Hoare tending his resignation as Janitor, to take effect February 12th, 1898.

Ordered, That the resignation of Mr. Hoare be accepted.

Public School 81.—Bill of William J. Oliver for services as Acting Janitor for the month of January, 1898, $153.

The Superintendent stated that no regular Janitor had yet been appointed for this school; Mr. Oliver was still in charge and therefore entitled to payment for his services for the month of January at the rate of $153 per thirteenth payment, the regular salary of the position.

Ordered, That the bill be approved and a report presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation.

Public School 150.—Bill of John H. Fagan for services as Acting Janitor for the month of January, 1898, $99.

The Superintendent stated that no regular Janitor for this school had yet been appointed and therefore Mr. Fagan is entitled to payment for his services as Acting Janitor for the month of January, 1898, at the rate of $99 per thirteenth payment, the regular salary of the position.

Ordered, That the bill be approved and a report presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation.

Public School 96.—The Superintendent reported having excused the Janitor from duty for half a day on February 10th, 1898, to visit the Police Department for the purpose of renewing his license.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

From the City Superintendent submitting analyses of the quarterly reports of 7th, 16th, 21st, 27th, 29th, 31st, 8th, 12th, 32d, 35th, 23d and 28th School Districts.

Mr. BURLINGHAM moved that a copy of the paper be referred to the Acting Chairman to peruse and report such items as require special attention.

Adopted.

Public School 65.—Communication from the Deputy Superintendent stating that after the final payment on contract of McArtney & Priore (assigned to Joseph Priore) had been

forwarded to the Comptroller, it was found that part of the work was not done in accordance with the contract, in that the sodding called for was not secured to the embankment, and later was washed away by heavy rains. The payment was therefore recalled. Further that the work cannot be properly carried out until Spring, but about $250 will complete it and suggest that the final payment of $1,500 be divided into two payments, as follows:

4th. When work is substantially completed, . $1,000
5th. When work is completed and accepted, . 500

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the action taken by this Committee on December 13th, 1897 (see Minutes, p. 838) in signing final payment and granting an extension of time on contract of McArtney & Priore, P. S. 65, be reconsidered.

Adopted.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the final payment of $1,500 be divided into two payments of $1,000 and $500 respectively.

Adopted.

From the New York City Teachers' Association for permission to use the High School Building, One hundred and fifty-seventh street and Third avenue, for the month of February. (See Minutes, 1897, p. 832.)

Mr. BURLINGHAM moved that this privilege be extended for the month of February, 1898.

Adopted.

Public School 25.—Communication from William Horne, contractor, asking to have final payment of $4,395 on contract for improving premises, etc., divided into two payments.

The Superintendent reported that $500 was sufficient to complete the work under contract, and suggested that $795 be withheld.

Mr. BURLINGHAM moved that the request of Mr. Horne be granted and the final payment of $4,395 divided as follows:

5th. When work is substantially completed, . $3,600
6th. When work is completed and accepted, . 795

Adopted.

Public School 93.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of new Annex to care for.

Public School 133.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of additional story to care for.

The Superintendent reported that according to the By-Laws these Janitors are entitled to an increase in their salaries, as follows:

School.	Annual Salary.	Increase.	To take effect.
P. S. 93.	$4,407.	$1,131.	Feb. 9, '98.
P. S. 133.	1,664.	624.	Feb. 1, '98.

Granted.

Public School 39.—Request from the Principal to have the front portion of girls' playground partitioned off and finished for a classroom.

The Superintendent reported that this partition was removed in 1896 to give light and air to the playground, and as a new building for this school is to be erected at once, it seems inadvisable to comply with the request.

Mr. BURLINGHAM moved that the request be denied on the grounds stated.

Adopted.

Public School 103.—The Superintendent submitted a communication from Murnane & Kiley, asking to withdraw their bid for wardrobes, etc., and to be released from carrying out their contract on account of the Wilson rolling shutter being more expensive than estimated.

Mr. BURLINGHAM moved that Messrs. Murnane & Kiely be notified that this Committee cannot comply with their request, and if they still refuse to carry out their contract, the work will be done by other parties in the best and cheapest manner and

they held responsible for any expenditure over the original appropriation.

Adopted.

The Superintendent called attention to the fact that the time for which Patrol Inspectors were appointed expires on February 15th, 1898. (See Minutes, 1897, p. 851.)

Dr. McSweeny moved that the time be further extended to March 15th, 1898.

Adopted.

Public School 60.—Communication from Thomas R. Brown, Janitor, lately transferred from Public School 46, asking to be allowed to defer moving to apartments near the school for a time on account of illness of his wife.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board recommending that Mr. Brown be allowed to remain in his present residence until March 15, 1898.

Public School 37.—The Superintendent reported having excused Mr. Daniel Riordan, Janitor, from duty for a few hours on February 15th, 1898, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Patrick Cahill, Janitor of Public School 53.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Public School 151.—Communication from E. Rutzler, contractor for heating, etc., stating that in his opinion the Janitor is incompetent to care for the apparatus in the building.

The Superintendent stated that the Janitor would be transferred to another school as soon as a competent man could be found for the place.

Laid over.

Public School 6.—From Mr. John J. Shelley, Janitor, stating that it is impossible to find living apartments near the school for the amount allowed him for rent ($299).

The Superintendent stated that the neighborhood had again

been thoroughly canvassed and it was found that to obtain suitable quarters it will be necessary to increase the rent allowance to $351 per year.

Ordered, That the amount of rent allowance be increased from $299 to $351 per year.

Public School 161.—From the Janitor stating that it will be impossible to find suitable living apartments in the vicinity of the school until May 1st, 1898, when an apartment next door will be vacant.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the time be extended from February 15th to March 15th, 1898, pending receipt of report from Committee on Instruction.

Adopted.

Public School 44.—Communication from Mr. David Ryan stating that his claim against Mr. Michael Moran, Janitor, has been satisfactorily settled. (See Minutes, pp. 12 and 26.)

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

Public School 102.—Communication from George E. Reynolds stating that the policy of insurance on the school building will expire on April 18, 1898.

Ordered, That Mr. Reynolds be notified that it is not customary to insure school buildings, and this policy will not be renewed.

Communication from Sergeant Washington Mullin, Chief of Steam Boiler Inspection and Engineers' Bureau, Police Department, stating that the Counsel to the Corporation under date of November 11th, 1897, gave an opinion that Chapter 635, Laws of 1897, did not repeal the specific provisions of Sections 310 and 311 of the Consolidation Act, and could not be held to apply to the particular kinds of boilers expressly exempted from the operation of the sections mentioned.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

Public School 132.—Communication from Mrs. Sarah Russell, Janitress, asking for instructions as to whether or not snow is to be cleaned from the grass plots at that school as well as from planked and paved walks.

Ordered, That the Superintendent be directed to notify both the Principal and Janitress of this school, that in the case of schools in the outlying districts, which are surrounded by large grounds, it is only necessary to remove snow from planked and paved walks.

The Superintendent reported that numbers have been assigned to new school buildings for which plans, etc., are being prepared, as follows: (See Minutes, 1897, page 582.)

Public School 39—South side 126th street, between 2d and 3d avenues.
" 109—99th and 100th streets, between 2d and 3d avenues.
" 119—133d and 134th streets, east of 8th avenue.
" 172—108th and 109th streets, between 1st and 2d avenues.
" 173—South side 183d street, between Beaumont and Cambreleng avenues.
" 174—Attorney street, between Rivington and Stanton streets.
" 175—Jerome avenue and 184th street.
" 176—Amethyst avenue and Victor street, Van Nest Park.
" 177—Market and Monroe streets.

Ordered, That the list be forwarded to the Committee on Instruction.

Public Schools 7, 11, 34, 88 and 120.—The Deputy Superintendent submitted a communication stating that Mr. Lipman Abel, contractor for removing buildings and erecting fences on lots acquired adjoining the above buildings, had not carried out the work according to contract, and thus far it had been impossible to compel either him or his sureties to do so; that the lots

were in a dangerous condition, no fences having been erected, but that everything of any value had been removed.

Mr. BURLINGHAM moved that a report be presented to the Board stating the facts in the case and recommending that contract be cancelled, and this Committee authorized to re-advertise for proposals for carrying out the work according to the contract; then to proceed against the sureties to recover the amount thus expended.

Adopted.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. F. H. Mills, Sales Agent for the State Prisons Commission, had called this day in reference to furniture for the new school buildings to be supplied by that Commission, stating that they are now manufacturing desks and seats and other furniture, and asked that Mr. Cheney, Chief Furniture Inspector, be allowed to visit the Prisons on Thursday next, and recommended that authority be granted and Mr. Cheney's expenses paid.

Mr. BURLINGHAM moved that the request be granted.

Adopted.

Public School 35, Boys' High School.—The Superintendent reported that in carrying out the work of alterations, etc., at this building, the contractors, Messrs. Jones & O'Connor, were instructed to repair and paint room No. 4 and also portion of second-story Assembly Room; repair flooring in room No. 4, and remove wardrobe; furnish 16-ounce copper leaders and 275 feet of shelving, in lieu of painting sliding doors in Assembly Room, second-story, furnishing 20-ounce copper leaders and 500 feet of shelving. This work was ordered at the request of Dr. Buchanan, Principal.

Ordered, That the substitution be approved.

Public School 93.—Communication from Messrs. Thomas Cockerill & Son, contractors for erecting new addition, requesting that final payment of $9,500 on contract be divided.

The Superintendent reported that the work was substantially

completed, and recommended that the final payment be divided into two payments, $8,000 and $1,500 respectively.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the final payment of $9,500 be divided into two payments, hereafter to be known as follows:

11th. When work is substantially completed, . $8,000
12th. When work is completed and accepted, . 1,500

Adopted.

Public School 6.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth School District asking to be informed if it is the intention to erect an addition to contain a Kindergarten and kitchen on the lots now being acquired in the rear of the school on Eighty-sixth street.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Instruction with the recommendation that a one story building be erected on these lots when acquired, so as not to interfere with the light and air of the school.

The Superintendent recommended the following transfers and appointments of Janitors:

Patrick Dowd to Janitorship of Public School 13, *vice* Henry Rado, transferred.

Henry Rado to Janitorship of Public School 53, *vice* Patrick Cahill, deceased.

John Mahoney to Janitorship of Public School 73, *vice* Thomas Reilly, deceased.

Thomas Leonhard to Janitorship of Public School 21, *vice* James Hoare, resigned.

Edward J. Sheridan, to Janitorship of Public School 106, *vice* Patrick Dowd, transferred.

To take effect February 21st, with the exception of P. S. 21 which is to take effect February 17, 1898.

Ordered, That the recommendations of the Superintendent be approved and presented to the Board for confirmation.

Public School 97.—The Superintendent stated that the fifth *payment* on contract of Messrs. Cornelius and Patrick Ryan for

erecting an addition, etc., was now due, but as the contract time had expired, it cannot be signed, but in his opinion if it were released it would have a tendency to forward the work.

Mr. BURLINGHAM moved that the payment be released, but no extension of time granted, that matter to be considered later.

Adopted.

Public School 96.—The Superintendent reported that he had excused Mr. James H. Brown, Janitor, from duty on Tuesday morning, 15th inst., to attend the funeral of Patrick Cahill, Janitor P. S. 53.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 96.—The Superintendent submitted a communication from the Janitor asking to remove from his apartments in the school building, a dresser, which would be of no use on the premises, and reported that he had denied the request as he had no authority to donate school property.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Public Schools 44 and 111.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Third School District requesting that the streets adjacent to the schools be paved with asphalt.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board, referring the matter to the Board of Public Improvements.

Public School 5.— Communication from the Principal of the Female Department, requesting that the room opposite the Boys' Modeling Room, formerly applied for as a Sewing Room, be fitted up with desks, seats, closets, etc., for a Modeling Room for Girls' Department

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Instruction for a report.

Public School 34.—The Communication from Mr. A. Weissman, asking on behalf of the graduates of this school for permission

to use a room in the building to organize an Alumni Association, and afterward to use same for semi-annual meetings.

Laid over.

Communication from Mr. Horace S. Ely, submitting a proposition to lease No. 7 Fifth avenue, a three-story and basement brick building, for school purposes.

Ordered, That the communication be referred to the Committee on High Schools.

The Committee granted an extension of time on the following contracts:

Public School 34.—The Consolidated Lehigh Slate Co. (Ltd.) —Furniture, Item II.; dated Aug. 2, 1897; extended to Jan. 29, 1898.

Public School 35 (Boys' High School).—Jones & O'Connor—Alterations, etc.; dated June 29, 1897; extended to February 1, 1898.

Public School 49.—R. McArtney—Alterations, etc.; dated July 19, 1897; extended to January 29, 1898.

Public School 99 (Addition).—E. J. Johnson & Co.—Furniture, Item II.; dated August 6, 1897; extended to February 10, 1898.

Public School 107.—Mahony Brothers — Improving lots, etc.; dated August 25, 1897; extended to February 2, 1898.

Public School 110.—Peter J. Ryan—Alterations, etc.; dated July 15, 1897; extended to January 25, 1898.

Public School 131.—C. Roehr & Sons—Furniture, Item III.; dated August 6, 1897; extended to February 1, 1898.

The Committee approved and signed the following final payments:

Public School 34.	The Consolidated Lehigh Slate Co. (Ltd.) Furniture, Item 2,	.	$594 00
" " 35.	(Boys' High School.) Jones & O'Connor, Alterations, etc.,		1,776 00
" " 49.	R. McArtney, Alterations, etc.,		675 00

Public School 99.	Addition. E. J. Johnson & Co., Furniture, Item II.,		$264 00
" " 107.	Mahony Brothers, Improving Lots, etc.,		3,258 00
" " 110.	Peter J. Ryan, Alterations, etc.,		589 00
" " 131.	C. Roehr & Sons, Furniture, Item III.,		103 00

Final payment on orders on contract of C. H. Brown, New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item I., as follows: $118 66

P. S. 10,	$2.04	P. S. 17,	$8.16	P. S. 23,	$2.04
P. S. 24,	2.04	P. S. 32,	4.08	P. S. 42,	7.31
P. S. 43,	4.08	P. S. 44,	2.04	P. S. 50,	2.04
P. S. 54,	4.08	P. S. 77,	8.16	P. S. 78,	2.04
P. S. 88,	2.04	P. S. 91,	7.81	P. S. 94,	2.04
P. S. 100,	3.91	P. S. 109,	3.71	P. S. 130,	20.40
P. S. 141,	14.93	P. S. 141,	4.08	P. S. 148,	11.61

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Final payment on orders on contract of the Cleveland School Furniture Co., for New Furniture for Old School Buildings, as follows: Item IV., $86 47

P. S. 57,	$58 90
P. S. 64,	14 58
P. S. 136,	12 99
	$86.47

The Committee signed the following payrolls :—

Inspectors on New Buildings (Bond Account), for two weeks ending February 12th, 1898, $1,729 50

Inspectors, from February 1st to 12th, 1898, inclusive :

Repairs,	$346 50
Sanitary,	198 00
Furniture,	137 50

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1898.

The Committee on Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Acting Chairman, and Messrs. MACK and MCSWEENY—3.

By request Messrs. Burlingham and Hurlbut were excused for absence at this meeting.

Relative to letter from the Clerk of the Board as to insurance on contracts, etc., presented by the Acting Chairman. (See Minutes, pp. 33, 43, 59, 78 and 92.)

Laid over.

Public School 170.—Matter of contract of T. Mahoney & Sons, for erecting new school building, One hundred and eleventh and One hundred and twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues. (See Minutes, 1897, p. 863, and Minutes, 1898, pp. 31, 49, 60, 79 and 92.)

Laid over awaiting action of the Board of Education in regard to requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to return application for approval of appropriation.

Communication from the Committee on Instruction asking for information as to relative cost of school buildings which will accommodate from twelve to fifteen hundred and those which will accommodate about three thousand. (See Minutes, pp. 62, 79 and 92.)

Laid over.

Communication from Mr. Jacob Riis. (See Minutes, pp. 63, 79 and 92.)

Laid over pending the time when this Committee can visit Public School 20, and ascertain the results of granting the use of the building to boys' and girls' clubs, as suggested by Mr. Riis.

Public School 118.—Matter of allowing Janitor to remain in his apartments in the school building. (See Minutes, p. 96.)

The Superintendent reported that he had caused an inspection to be made of the Janitor's apartments in this building and is of the opinion that they cannot be used to advantage for school purposes.

Ordered, That the Janitor be directed to return to his apartments in the school building on March 1st, 1898, and the rent allowance of $221 be rescinded from that date. (See Minutes, p. 87.)

From the Inspectors of the Fourteenth School District, relative to the designation of one school building in each District, in which rooms may be set aside for use during the evening by clubs or societies of school graduates for educational purposes, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 83 and 97.)

Laid over.

From Arthur McMullin, Secretary of the School Board, submitting a list of leases which expire during the year 1898. (See Minutes, p. 97.)

Laid over.

Public School 87.—From Theodore F. Naudin, Janitor, relative to boys remaining on the school premises until five minutes after five, P. M., without a teacher in charge. (See Minutes, p. 99.)

The Acting Chairman reported that he had seen Mr. Naudin, who stated that only a few boys remained on the school premises after school sessions were over, at the time he made the *complaint,* but he considered it his duty to notify this Com-

mittee. Further, he had informed Mr. Naudin if this should occur again he could no doubt settle the case by ordering the boys from the building, as he was in charge.

Ordered, That the case be dismissed.

Public Schools 98 and 138.—(See Minutes, pp. 13, 28 and 65.) Report from the City Superintendent in regard to the crowded condition of these schools, etc. (See Minutes, p. 99.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Instruction.

Public School 97.—Communication from Michael E. Devlin, Principal, stating that in his opinion some remuneration should be made to the officers of the Odd Fellows' Home for use of rooms for school purposes, etc. (See Minutes, p. 100.)

The Superintendent submitted a further communication from Mr. Devlin stating that two rooms in this building have been occupied for school purposes since September 20th, 1897; two teachers are in charge and the average number of pupils in attendance, sixty-five; also that $40 per month would seem an equitable allowance for rent, which would include use of desks and seats, steam heat, etc.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the Superintendent communicate with Mr. Devlin and state if the officers of the Odd Fellows' Home have demanded rent for the premises, if they will make an application to this Committee it will receive due consideration.

Adopted.

Laid over.

From the City Superintendent submitting analyses of the quarterly reports of 7th, 16th, 21st, 27th, 29th, 31st, 8th, 12th, 32d, 35th, 23d and 28th School Districts. (See Minutes, p. 101.)

Laid over.

Public School 151.—Communication from E. Rutzler, contractor for heating, etc., stating that in his opinion the Janitor is

incompetent to care for the apparatus in the building. (See Minutes, p. 104.)

Laid over.

Public School 5.—Communication from the Principal of F. D., requesting that the room opposite the Boys' Modeling Room, formerly applied for as a Sewing Room, be fitted up with desks, seats, closets, etc., for a Modeling Room for Girls' Department. (See Minutes, p. 109.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Instruction.

Public School 34.—Communication from Mr. A. Weissman, asking on behalf of the graduates of this school for permission to use a room in the building to organize an Alumni Association, and afterward to use same for semi-annual meetings. (See Minutes, p. 109.)

Laid over.

Public School 6.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth School District, asking to be informed if it is the intention to erect an addition to contain a Kindergarten and Kitchen on lots now being acquired in the rear of the school on Eighty-sixth street. (See Minutes, p. 108.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Instruction.

Messrs. Tolmie and Luyster, contractors, Addition to P. S. 94; D. F. Gibb, contractor, Addition, etc., P. S. 2; Messrs. C. and P. Ryan, contractors, Addition, etc., P. S. 97, and Messrs. McCabe Brothers, contractors for P. S. 157, invited to be present at 4 P. M. (See Minutes, p. 96.)

Laid over.

Public School 39.—Communication from the Board of Health to the effect that the Annex to this school, No. 230 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street, is not adapted for school *purposes* in that it has no proper means of ventilation.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the Board of Health be informed that a new building is to be erected at once to take the place of Public School 39 and this Annex, as there is no other place in which the children can be housed, asked to grant permission to occupy the premises in question until the new school building is completed.

Adopted.

Public School 157.—From the Board of Health relative to the sanitaay condition of Essex Market building, stating that "Its present condition, so far as it is being used for school purposes, is a menace to the lives of both teachers and scholars." The whole cellar being torn up from end to end in violation of contract and specifications, and covered with piles of rubbish, old iron and various refuse materials, decaying, damp and causing malodorous conditions and emanations, undoubtedly causing malarial illness of which teachers and scholars complain. Further stating that the present condition of the building is very dangerous to life and health and recommending that its use for school purposes, until alteration are completed, be abandoned.

Ordered, That a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. P. K. Lantry, contractor for alterations, etc., stating that this Committee will hold him strictly accountable for the sani tary condition of the building, and in case it is necessary to close it on this account, he will be held responsible for the loss thus sustained.

Boys' High School.—The Superintendent reported having excused the Janitor for absence from duty, February 23d, 1898, to appear at Court in answer to a subpœna.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

From the Police Department relative to unoccupied property Nos. 502–504 East Eighty-second street being in an unsafe condition.

The Superintendent reported having notified Mr. James H,

Brown, Janitor, P. S. 96, to take charge of this property, February 16th, 1898.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

From the City Superintendent submitting analyses of reports of Inspectors of the Fifth and Eighteenth School Districts.

Ordered, That the paper be referred to the Acting Chairman to peruse, and report at the next meeting any items which should receive attention.

Public School 130.—The Superintendent reported having notified Timothy J. O'Brien, Janitor of P. S. 23, on February 21st, 1898, to take charge of P. S. 130 as Acting Janitor until further notice, this step being necessary on account of the transfer of the regular Janitor to another school.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Public School 127.—Communication from Mrs. John D. Townsend, Inspector of the Seventeenth School District, thanking this Committee for its action in allowing the Janitor to remain in his apartments in the school building.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

Public School 51.—The Deputy Superintendent reported having given the Janitor leave of absence to attend a funeral on February 17th, 1898, he having given name of Assistant to be left in charge.

Ordered, That the action of the Deputy Superintendent be approved.

Public School 72.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of living apartments having been altered for school purposes.

The Superintendent reported that, according to the By-Laws, this Janitor is entitled to an annual salary of $2,574, being an increase of $104; to take effect February 1st, 1898.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from Mr. W. G. DeLamater, Inspector on Repairs, asking for leave of absence on March 1st, 2d and 3d, 1898, to attend a re-union of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Ordered, That Mr. DeLamater be excused for the three days, without pay.

The Superintendent submitted a bill of F. C. Cheney, Chief Furniture Inspector, amounting to $20.16, for expenses incurred in visiting Auburn State Prison. (See Minutes, p. 107.)

Dr. McSweeny moved that the bill be approved and forwarded to the Committee on Supplies, with request for payment.

The Committee signed the following payrolls:—

Inspectors on New Buildings (Bond Account), for one week ending February 19th, 1898, . .	$867 00
Inspectors, from February 14th to 19th, 1898, inclusive:	
Repairs, ...	$189 00
Sanitary, ...	108 00
Furniture, ...	75 00

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LITTLE and MCSWEENY—4.

The Minutes of February 21st, page 117, eighth line from top, were amended by striking out the number "157" and inserting "137."

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Minutes of February 14th, and those of February 21st, as amended, be approved.

Adopted.

The Chairman presented a request from Mr. HURLBUT to be excused from attendance at this meeting, which was granted.

Public School 170.—Matter of contract of Messrs. T. Mahoney & Sons for erecting new school building, One hundred and eleventh and One hundred and twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues. (see Minutes, 1897, page 863, and Minutes, 1898, pages 31, 49, 60, 79, 92 and 113.)

Mr. LITTLE moved that a report be presented to the Borough Board giving a full statement of the facts in the case, asking that the Board of Education request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to return to the said Board the communication relative to award of contract for erecting new school building, One hundred and eleventh and One hundred and twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues, as the matter of awarding this contract to the next lowest bidder is now being considered.

Adopted.

Relative to letter from Mr. Arthur McMullin as to insurance on contracts, etc., presented by the Acting Chairman. (See Minutes, pages 33, 43, 59, 78, 92 and 113.)

The Superintendent stated that when the new form of contract is taken up for consideration, this matter of insurance, etc., will receive attention.

Ordered, That the matter be dropped from the Calendar.

From the Committee on Instruction, asking for information as to relative cost of school buildings which will accommodate from 1,200 to 1,500, and those which will accommodate about 3,000. (See Minutes, pages 62, 79, 92 and 113.)

The Superintendent submitted a schedule showing the relative cost of several new school buildings.

Laid over for a further report from the Superintendent.

Public School 151.—Communication from E. Rutzler, contractor for heating, etc., stating that in his opinion the Janitor is incompetent to care for the apparatus in the building. (See Minutes, page 104.)

Laid over for a report from the Superintendent.

Communication from Mr. Jacob Riis. (See Minutes, pages 63, 79, 92 and 114.)

Laid over.

Communication from the Inspectors of the Fourteenth School District, relative to the designation of one school building in each District, in which rooms may be set aside for use during the evening by clubs or societies of school graduates for educational purposes, etc. (See Minutes, pages 83, 97 and 114.)

Laid over.

From Arthur McMullin, Secretary of the School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, submitting a list of leases which expire during the year 1898. (See Minutes, pages 97 and 114.)

Public School 24 (Madison Hall).—*Ordered*, That a report be presented to the Borough Board requesting that steps be taken by the Boaad of Education to renew lease for a further period of two years from expiration, July 1st, 1898.

Public School 123 (No. 263–5 West 124th street).—*Ordered*, That a report be presented to the Borough Board requesting the Board of Education to take the necessary steps to renew lease for a further period of one year from expiration, May 1st, 1898.

Ordered, That the other items be laid over and taken up for consideration the first meeting of this Committee in September.

Public Schools 98 and 138.—(See Minutes, pages 13, 28 and 65.) Report from the City Superintendent in regard to the crowded condition of the schools, etc. (See Minutes, pages 99 and 115.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 97.—Relative to payment of rent for use of rooms in the Odd Fellows' Home used as an Annex. (See Minutes, pages 110 and 115.)

Laid over.

From the City Superintendent submitting analyses of the quarterly reports of Inspectors of the 5th, 7th, 16th, 18th, 21st, 27th, 29th, 31st, 8th, 12th, 32d, 35th and 28th School Districts. (See Minutes, pages 101, 115 and 118.)

The Chairman reported that he had gone over these analyses of reports very carefully with the Deputy Superintendent and found that many of the suggestions made by the Inspectors had already been complied with, others are now receiving attention, while some will be laid before this Committee for its action.

Ordered, That the report be accepted.

Public School 5.—Communication from the Principal of P. D. requesting that the rooms opposite the Boys' Modeling Room, formerly applied for as a Sewing Room, be fitted up with

desks, seats, etc., for a Modeling Room for Girls' Department. (See Minutes, pages 109 and 116.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 34.—Communication from Mr. A. Weissman, asking on behalf of the graduates of this school, for permission to use a room in the building to organize an Alumni Association, and afterward to use same for semi-annual meetings. (See Minutes, pages 109 and 116.)

Laid over.

Public School 157.—Communication from Messrs. McCabe Brothers, relative to their work under contract for erecting new school building, One hundred and twenty-sixth street and St. Nicholas avenue, not being carried on, stating that arrangements were being made by which they would be enabled to proceed at once to complete the work.

Messrs. Terry and Tench, sub-contractors on contract for erecting new school building, appeared before the Committee and stated that they came in behalf of the sub-contractors, and although practically nothing has been done for some time on the building, steps were now being taken to have matters satisfactorily adjusted so that work would be carried on at once, and would therefore advise that this Committee take no steps toward cancelling the contract.

Mr. LITTLE moved that this Committee co-operate with the sub-contractors and do everything possible to aid them in carrying out the work.

Adopted.

Communication from Mr. Edward P. North, Consulting Engineer, Department of Highways, stating that Wadsworth avenue was legally opened on February 19th, 1898, and believed that it was the intention of the Commissioner of Highways to advertise for the work of this extension.

The Superintendent stated that this extension would cut off *the westerly* wing of Public School 132, which contains two class-

rooms, but a division could be made in the Assembly Room by which means these two classes could be accommodated temporarily until title to the new site now being acquired, is obtained and new building erected.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the recommendations of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 6.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth School District, asking to be informed if it is the intention to erect an addition to contain a Kindergarten and Kitchen, on lots now being acquired in the rear of the school on Eighty-sixth street. (See Minutes, pages 108 and 116.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 81.—The Superintendent reported that the heating and ventilating apparatus in this buildiug was placed in the hands of the Janitor on January 1st, 1898. and he is therefore entitled to an annual salary of $1,989 or an increase of $104.

Granted.

Public School 53.—The Superintendent called attention to the fact that the rent allowance of $273, apportioned to this school, was to take effect April 15th, 1898, as the late Janitor was given permission to remain in his apartments in the school until that date, but Mr. Rado, the newly appointed Janitor, has obtained rooms outside the school and took possession March 1st, 1898.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the rent allowance of $273 be made available for the use of Janitor from March 1st, 1898.

Adopted.

Public School 57.—The Superintendent reported having excused the Janitor from duty from 1:30 P. M. on February 25th, 1898, to attend a funeral.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 133.—Communication from Miss M. A. Curtis, Principal, requesting that the owner of building adjoining used by her as an office be notified that premises will not be required after February 28th, 1898.

The Superintendent reported having written Mr. John Barry, owner, as requested.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 130.—The Superintendent reported having placed Alexander McLean, who was certified by the New York City Civil Service Commission as being eligible for the position, in charge of the school as Janitor, on February 24th, 1898, the former Janitor having been transferred to P. S. 73.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Superintendent in placing this Janitor on duty February 24th, 1898, be approved and a report presented to the Borough Board confirming the appointment.

Adopted.

Storehouse.—The Superintendent reported having placed Melancthon F. Schureman in charge of the new Storehouse, No. 426 East One hundred and tenth street, as Watchman, on February 25th, 1898, he having been certified by the New York City Civil Service Commission as eligible for such a position.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved and a report presented to the Board confirming the appointment, fixing the rate of wages at $50, the regular salary of a Watchman.

Adopted.

Public School 133.—Application from Mr. Thomas Dwyer,

contractor for erecting an additional story, etc., asking for a division of final payment of $7,776, so that $700 will be retained by the Board.

The Superintendent reported that to complete all the small details of the work would require about $1,000, and if this Committee does not waive the penalty clause and grant an extension of time, it will be necessary to deduct about $2,000.

Mr. Eustis moved that the fifth and final payment of $7,776 be divided as follows:

5th. When work is substantially completed, . . . $4,000
6th. When work is completed and accepted, . . . 3,776

Also that the matter of an extension of time be considered when work is completed.

Adopted.

Public School 99.—Application from Thomas Dwyer, contractor for erecting new addition, etc., to have final payment of $3,070 divided into two payments, so that $200 will be retained by the Board; also asking for an extension of time from October 1st, 1897.

The Superintendent reported that there still remains small items of work on this contract which will require about $500 to complete; that the contract time expired on October 1st, 1897, and if this Committee does not waive the penalty clause it will be necessary to deduct about $2,500. This therefore would leave about $70 to be released.

Mr. Eustis moved that the request for a division of the final payment be denied and the matter of an extension of time laid over and taken up for consideration when work is completed.

Adopted.

Public School 46.—Communication from Samuel D. Levy, President of the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society, requesting that as the new addition to be erected will be entirely occupied by the smaller children of that Institution now attending the Annex in One hundred and fifty-fifth street, it be so built

that in case of contagious diseases breaking out in the school it will not be necessary to quarantine against all the children of the Institution.

Mr. Levy and Miss Mary I. Norcott, Principal of the Primary Department of P. S. 46, appeared before the Committee, and were heard.

The Superintendent submitted sketch plans for the new addition, which provide that communication may be had with the main building from each floor when necessary, and that all openings will be provided with iron shutters, in order that in case of quarantine as stated, the children attending this Annex could be entirely isolated.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the plans as submitted by the Superintendent, be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 41.—Communication from the Board of Inspectors of the Eleventh School District, requesting that the premises adjoining the school on the north, now in possession of the Board, be improved for classrooms, Kindergarten, Manual Training, etc.

Superintendent Jasper reported that since the closing of P. S. 47, the classes of this school have been very much overcrowded, and at small expense an Annex could be erected upon the site in question, containing six rooms, which in his judgment would not interfere with the light and ventilation of the main building.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Studies and the Superintendent of School Buildings for reports.

Public School 97.—Assignment of Patrick Ryan of his interest in contract of Cornelius and Patrick Ryan, for erecting an addition, etc., to Cornelius Ryan.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the assignment be approved provided the consent of the sureties can be obtained by Mr. Ryan, and that the matter be referred to the Chairman, with power of approval when this consent is received.

Adopted.

Public School 64.—Communication from Superintendent Jasper recommending that, in view of the increasing attendance at this school, the Assembly room be divided by sliding doors, as formerly recommended.

The Superintendent reported that two new buildings will soon be erected in the neighborhood of this school, one on either side, which will greatly relieve the crowded condition, and do away with the necessity for using the Assembly room for classroom purposes.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the recommendation be disapproved, in view of the above facts.

Adopted.

Public School 51.—From Superintendent Jasper relative to need of additional furniture for three classes now taught in the main room, Grammar Department.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for a report.

Public School 176.—The Superintendent stated that he had requested Superintendent Jasper to designate the number of classrooms, etc., to be provided in the new school building to be erected at Amethyst avenue and Victor street, Van Nest Park, and had received the following report:

"In the matter of erecting a new school building on the site "above referred to, I would respectfully report that, in my "opinion, the school building should be erected to accommodate "a total number of *sixteen classrooms*, divided into *two depart-* "*ments*. The classrooms to be proportioned as follows:

"6 rooms for Mixed Grammar,
"9 " " " Primary,
"1 room for Kindergarten,
"Gymnasium,
"One Clay Modeling Room.
"One Cooking Room.
"One Workshop."

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Studies.

Public School 175.—From Superintendent Jasper stating that in his opinion the new building to be erected at Jerome and Walton avenues and One hundred and eighty-fourth street, should contain twenty-six classrooms, including two Kindergarten rooms, instead of thirty-nine as heretofore recommended.

Ordered, That the report be referred to the Committee on Studies.

Public School 5.—From Superintendent Jasper recommending that the southeastern section of the playground be used as a classroom, and the draughting room on the top floor be made into two classrooms to accommodate pupils of the primary grades, provided that the sanitary arrangements will permit of such changes.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Studies with the statement that this Committee does not approve of placing Primary children on the fifth floor, but would suggest that the classrooms on the fifth floor be occupied by Grammar pupils and the necessary changes made so that the Primary pupils will not have to go above the second floor.

Public School 11.—From Superintendent Jasper stating that as the attendance at Public School 11 is rapidly increasing, he would recommend that two rows of sliding doors, mainly of ground glass, be put in the centre of the upper main room, running north and south and forming a corridor, and that rows be arranged laterally so as to enclose four classrooms.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Studies.

Public School 178.—From Superintendent Jasper recommending that the new school building to be erected at One hundred and sixty-third street, between Grant and Morris avenues, be planned to contain from twelve to fifteen classrooms, instead of forty-five as formerly recommended, but so constructed as to permit the addition of extra rooms when increasing attendance demands it. (See Minutes, 1897, p. 489.)

Ordered, That the report be referred to the Committee on *Studies for approval.*

Public School 121.—Relative to asphalt pavement in front of school building Nos. 227–235 East One hundred and second street. (See Minutes, 1897, p. 850.)

Mr. EUSTIS moved that a report be presented to the Borough Board requesting that the attention of the Commissioner of Highways be called to this matter.

Adopted.

Public School 19.—Complaint from the Board of Inspectors of the Tenth District in regard to the condition of the building.

The Superintendent reported that this building was erected about forty years ago and has been used continually for school purposes; that it is in good condition, as all needed repairs have been made from time to time, with the exception of cellar, which is to have necessary alterations made during the coming vacation.

Ordered, That the matter be laid over for a more definite report in regard to condition of cellar.

Girls' High School.—Application from the Principal to have another recitation room formed in the building, referred from the Committee on High Schools.

The Superintendent reported that owing to the urgent necessity in this case, he had ordered the required alterations made.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 84.—Communication from the Janitor requesting that his rent allowance of $299 be increased, stating that the Committee on Buildings in 1896, when he was first ordered from the building, fixed the allowance at $338.

The Superintendent reported that an allowance of $299 is sufficient to obtain suitable apartments in the vicinity of the school.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the request be denied.

Adopted.

Public School 42.—Communication from Messrs. Blake & Williams stating that on January 11th, 1898, they submitted a proposal, which was accepted, for heating, ventilating and electric lighting the new school building, Hester, Orchard and Ludlow streets, depositing a certified check for $750 as security for the execution of the contract. Further, that they deem it an injustice that this check has been held for such a length of time and no opportunity given to sign contract and proceed with the work.

The Superintendent reported that this contract was one of many now awaiting the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. LITTLE moved that this Committee present a report to the Borough Board recommending that the Board of Education take such steps as may be deemed advisable to hasten the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in this matter, as well as others now before it relating to the Board of Education.

Adopted.

From Superintendent Jasper, submitting an analysis of report of Board of Inspectors of School District No. 1.

Ordered, That the communication be referred to the Chairman to peruse, and to report to this Committee such matters as he deems necessary.

High Schools.—The Superintendent called attention to the fact that there are only sufficient funds provided for payment of Draughtsmen on High School work to last until about April 1st, 1898, and suggested that an additional $6,000 be set aside.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Finance Committee be requested to have this amount set aside from High School Bonds.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—Communication from Mr. James P. Haney, Supervisor of Manual Training, asking permission to use the Assembly Room, M. D., to give a series of special lessons on

Saturday mornings from nine to eleven o'clock, begining March 5th, 1898.

Mr. LITTLE moved that permission be granted.

Adopted.

Public School 81.—Bill of William J. Oliver for services as Acting Janitor for the month of February, 1898, $153.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. Oliver is still in charge of the school, no permanent appointment having been made, and is entitled to payment for his services as acting Janitor for the month of February, at the rate of the regular salary of the position, $153 per one-thirteenth.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the bill be approved and a report presented to the Borough Board asking for the necessary appropriation.

Adopted.

Public School 150.—Bill of John H. Fagan for services as Acting Janitor for the month of February, 1898, $99.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. Fagan, Janitor of P. S. 109, is still in charge of this school, no permanent appointment having been made, and is entitled to payment for his services at the rate of $99 per one-thirteenth, the regular salary of the position.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the bill be approved and a report presented to the Borough Board asking for the necessary appropriation.

Adopted.

From the Committee on Instruction in reference to renumbering P. S. 12 and abandoning P. S. 31 upon completion of new P. S. 12. (See Minutes, p. 48.)

Laid over.

Public School 130.—Bill of Timothy J. O'Brien, Janitor of P. S. 23, for services as Acting Janitor from February 21st to 23d inclusive. (See Minutes, p. 118.)

The Superintendent reported that upon the transfer of John Mahoney to P. S. 73, the Civil Service Commission not having certified the name of any person to be appointed to this position, Timothy J. O'Brien, Janitor of P. S. 23, was directed to take charge on February 21st, 1898, remaining until February 24th, when the new Janitor was installed. He is therefore entitled to payment for his services from February 21st to 23d inclusive, at the rate of $76 per pay, the regular salary of the position, or $\frac{3}{30}$ of $76, being $7.60.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the bill be approved and a report presented to the Borough Board asking for the necessary appropriation.

Public School 34.—Communication from the Department of Health relative to condition of vacant lots adjoining the school, No. 25 Sheriff street and No. 24½ Willett street.

The Superintendent reported that this property is included in the contract of Lipman Abel, which calls for the removal of buildings, grading lots, erecting fences, etc. The contractor removed all the materials of any value and abandoned the work, leaving the lots covered with rubbish, no fences erected, etc., and it has been impossible to compel either him or his sureties to complete the work. Further, that the matter was before this Committee on February 14th (see Minutes, pp. 106–107), when a report was ordered presented to the Board cancelling the contract, authorizing the Committee to advertise for proposals to carry out the work, and then to proceed against the sureties to recover the amount thus expended. This report was presented and referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Legislation for a report as to the advisability of such a course, but as yet no further action has been taken.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the attention of the Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws and Legislation be called to this matter, stating that we have received complaints from the Department of Health, against lots in question, and requesting that an early decision be rendered.

Adopted.

Public School 53.—Application from William J. Hogan for payment for services as Acting Janitor from February 14th to 21st, 1898.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. Patrick Cahill, Janitor of this school, died February 13th, 1898, and Mr. William J. Hogan took charge of the building from that date, until a new Janitor was installed on February 21st, 1898, and is therefore entitled to payment for services at the rate of $2,145 per year, the regular salary of the position, or $165 per pay, being $\frac{7}{10}$ of $165 or $38.50.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the bill be approved and a report presented to the Borough Board asking for the necessary appropriation.

Adopted.

Public School 37.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-sixth School District recommending the use of vacant building in East River Park for temporary school accommodations for children residing east of First avenue.

The Superintendent reported that the building in question is occupied for Park purposes. The ground floor is used for toilet rooms; rooms on the second, by Engineers, Foremen and Park Police and ice cream and refreshment rooms, while the third floor contains the Janitor's living apartments, and in his opinion the building is not suitable for school purposes.

Mr. Little moved that the recommendations of the Inspectors be disapproved, and the Chairman of the Board informed of the facts as stated.

From the Inspectors of the Twelfth School District asking that one school building in every district be designated, in which rooms may be set apart for the use of clubs, societies, etc., for educational purposes.

Laid over.

Public School 103.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-seventh School District recommending that asphalt pavement be laid on Madison avenue and One hundred and nineteenth street.

Mr. LITTLE moved that a report be presented to the Borough Board stating that there are no funds available for this purpose, and requesting that the attention of the Commissioner of Highways be called to the necessities of the case.

From the Patriotic League for permission to have a club of boys meet in a school building in the vicinity of Norfolk street.

Laid over.

Public School 137.—Application from the Janitor asking for an increase of salary on account of additional classrooms on top floor to care for.

The Superintendent reported that according to the By-Laws this Janitor is entitled to an annual salary of $1,339, being an increase of $195; to take effect February 1st, 1898.

Granted.

Communication from William W. Seymour requesting permission to use once a week, some space in new Public Schools 1 or 2, for a club of boys, referred from the Committee on Teachers.

Laid over.

Public School 39.—The Superintendent stated that in compliance with the directions of this Committee (see Minutes, pp. 116–117) a letter was written to the Department of Health asking permission to use No. 230 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street, Annex to the School, until the new building is completed. Several days afterward a telephone message was received from that Department, stating that it was not the intention when filing their complaint, to forbid the use of the building for school purposes, simply to call attention to its sanitary condition.

Ordered placed on file.

Applications from the following Assistant Draughtsmen to be excused for absence on account of personal illness:

Edward L. Middleton,	6 days.
H. R. Halsey,	5 "
John Boyle,	4 "
Joseph T. Murphy,	2 "
George Dession,	4½ "
S. J. Munro,	1½ "
H. M. Devoe,	1½ "

Mr. LITTLE moved that the absences of these Assistant Draughtsmen be excused with pay.

Adopted.

The Superintendent stated that he had suspended Peter J. Treacy, Inspector, P. S. 34, for one week without pay, from March 8th, 1898, as his services are no longer required on the work and there is no vacancy just at present.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved and Mr. Treacy suspended without pay, until his services are again required.

Adopted.

Communication from Messrs. Young, Ver Planck & Prince relative to proceedings for the acquisition of property for school purposes in the block bounded by One hundred and sixty-ninth street, Ogden and Merriam avenues, stating that on May 28th, 1897, application was made to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners. The taking of testimony was commenced Oct. 19th, 1897, and after a few sessions the matter was dropped and nothing further done in the proceedings to this date. Further, stating that their clients are not wealthy persons and the property is tied up so that they can neither sell nor obtain any award for same, and asking that the Board of Education take necessary steps to either abandon the proceedings or prosecute it to a final termination at once.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Borough Board giving the particulars in the case and asking that the matter be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his early action.

High Schools.—Communication from the Committee on High Schools stating that at a meeting held on February 28th, it was moved and adopted that the Committee on Sites and Buildings be notified that that Committee approves the renting of the following named premises for High School purposes:

1. The building on the southeast corner of Twelfth street and Fifth avenue, as an Annex to the Girls' High School.

2. The twenty-one rooms in the Presbyterian Society Building, northeast corner of Fifth avenue and Twelfth street, as an Annex to the Boys' High School.

Ordered, That the matter be laid over and referred to the Deputy Superintendent for a further report in regard to quarters in this neighborhood.

Communication from the Mason & Hamlin Co. addressed to the President of the Board, stating that although they have several times submitted proposals on contracts for pianos, each time being lower than the party to whom the contract was awarded, their bids were rejected, and asking that in future their proposals receive consideration.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the matter be referred to the Chairman with power to answer the communication.

Adopted.

Public School 25.—Communication from Miss Pauline A. Eifler, Secretary of the Alumnae Association of the school, asking permission to hold a meeting semi-annually in one of the rooms of the building.

Mr. LITTLE moved that this permission be granted and a communication sent to Miss Eifler stating that this Committee approves of such use of school buildings and will gladly assist in any way possible to further the object desired, provided such meetings will not conflict with other uses of the school heretofore granted.

Adopted.

Mr. EUSTIS, to save time and facilitate matters between the

Committee on Studies, the Borough Superintendent of Schools and this Committee, offered the following:

Resolved, That hereafter all reports from the Borough Superintendent of Schools, requiring the endorsement of the Committee on Studies, be so endorsed before same are forwarded to this Committee, as by this course much time may be saved.

Adopted.

Public School 53.—The Chairman reported that since proceedings were begun for the acquisition of a portion of lots No. 1391 to 1399 (inclusive) Third avenue, which action was deemed advisable to protect the light and air of the school, it being rumored that a large building was to be erected thereon, it is found that such is not the case and no building can be erected for many years to come, and recommended that proceedings for the acquisition of the lots in question be discontinued.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the proceedings be discontinued for the reasons above stated.

Adopted.

Public School 155.—Mr. EUSTIS stated that the Board of Inspectors of the Thirty-fourth School District were now holding their meetings in this building on the Principal's platform; but as the room planned for a Trustees' Room was now occupied for Kindergarten, he could see no reason why it could not be used by the Inspectors for meeting purposes, and so moved.

Adopted.

Public School 43.—The Chairman stated that it had come to his knowledge that a large six story tenement building was to be erected on the westerly side and adjoining this school, which in his opinion would be very detrimental, as it would shut off the light and air, and suggested that a strip of 25 feet adjoining the present school premises be acquired, if deemed advisable.

Superintendent Jasper reported that the erection of this proposed building would, in his opinion, seriously interfere with the ventilation of seven class rooms, and to a great extent obstruct

the light. The most serious consideration, however, would be the effect upon the light of the two stairways which are the chief means of exit for the girls of both Grammar and Primary Departments.

Ordered, That the matter be laid over for a report from the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 63.—The Superintendent submitted a communication from J. D. Murphy, contractor for erecting new school building, One hundred and seventy-third Street and Fulton Avenue, requesting that the heating apparatus be placed in operation in order to dry the building and enable him to finish the plastering, etc.

The Superintendent stated that Mr. Murphy's contract provides that he must furnish all necessary heat to carry out his work.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the request be denied.

Public School 69.—The Chairman reported that he had visited this building and believed that if the lot adjoining were improved as suggested by the Committee on Instruction, that is, by erecting a building one story high to accommodate two Kindergarten classes, it would seriously interfere with the light of the present school building, and that in his opinion the new building should not be extended back beyond the present wing.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the alterations be so planned that the new building will not extend back beyond the present wing; that it be two stories high, providing a Kindergarten room on each floor.

Adopted.

The Chairman reported having made the following appropriations from "Buildings Contingent Fund" Account of 1897 for bills incurred on Emergency Orders of Janitors, duly countersigned:

Appropriations Nos. 840–869, inclusive, 30 bills, aggregating $192.65

Dr. McSweeny moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The Committee signed the following payrolls:

Draughtsmen, month of February				Bond Account,	$3,724 17
"	"	"	"	High School Account	520 00
"	"	"	"	Repairs, .	212 00
"	"	"	"	Sanitary, .	212 00
"	"	"	"	Furniture, .	60 00
Inspectors, 2 weeks ending March 5th,				Bond Account,	1,725 00
"	from February 21st to 28th,			Repairs, .	220 00
"	"	"	"	Sanitary, .	126 50
"	"	"	"	Furniture,	87 50

The Committee granted an extension of time on the following contracts:

Public School 37.—E. Rutzler. Heating and ventilating apparatus; dated August 24th, 1896, extended to March 7th, 1898.

Pianos.—Steinway & Son—Pianos, Item I, 8 square; dated July 14th, 1897; extended to February 25th, 1898.

The Committee signed and approved the following final payments:

Public School 37.—Margaret Phillips. Erecting an addition, etc. Extension granted on Dec. 27, 1897, $750 being deducted (see Minutes, 1897, pages 868-869)			$8,689 00
"	"	**37.**—E. Rutzler. Heating and ventilating, . . .	934 00
"	"	**79.**—William Horne. Alterations, etc., ...	1,095 00

Pianos.—William Knabe & Co. Supplying 5 square and 4 upright pianos, . . . $1,185 00

" Steinway & Sons. Pianos, Item I., 8 square, 1,060 00

Final payment on order on contract of the Cleveland School Furniture Co. New furniture for old school buildings, Item IV., P. S. 17, . 12 37

Final payment on order on contract of the Buffalo School Furniture Co. New slates for old school buildings, P. S. 3, ... 27 00

Final payment on orders on contract of the New Jersey School-Church Furniture Co. New furniture for old school buildings, Item III.,

P. S. 101. . . .	$37 54	
" 148. . . .	17 40	
	$54 94	

Final payment on orders on contract of the Richmond School Furniture Co. New furniture for old school buildings, Item II.:

P. S. 11, . . .	$69 16
" 40, . . .	45 29
" 51, . . .	52 90
" 57, . . .	19 79
" 121, . . .	113 36
Storehouse, . . .	49 58
	$350 08

The Committee opened the following bids:

Public School 141.—Desks and seats:

Richmond School Furniture Co., .	$724
Buffalo School Furniture Co., . .	724
Cleveland School Furniture Co., .	867
New Jersey School-Church Furniture Co.,	696
C. Roehr & Sons, ...	637

The award was made to the lowest bidders, as follows:

App. No.

822, P. S. 141. C. Roehr & Sons, ... $637

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made he having solicited estimates thereon and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid.

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.				
649.	Girls' H. S.	—Partition,		$48 00
650.	" "	—Additions to Heating Apparatus,		131 00
651.	Boys' "	—Gas Fixtures,		12 50
652.	" "	—Sash, Shelves, etc.,		34 00
653.	" "	—Repairs to Heating Apparatus,		50 00
654.	Mixed "	—Bell Work,		12 00
655.	P. S.	2—Repairs to Venetian Blinds,		43 00
656.	"	2—Slate Blackboards,		25 00
657.	"	5—New Watercloset Seats,		27 00
658.	"	5—Radiator for Cooking Room,		75 00
659.	"	6—Repairing Handrails, etc.,		7 00
660.	"	6—Repairs to Heating Apparatus,		46 00
661.	"	6—Alterations in 5th Story,		373 00
662.	"	8—Glazing,		5 05
663.	"	9—Repairs to Heating Apparatus,		44 00
664.	"	10—Venetian Blinds,		25 04
665.	"	11—Gas Fixtures,		6 00
666.	"	14—Locks, etc.,		7 00
667.	"	15—Pneumatic Bells,		20 00
668.	"	18—Gas Fixtures,		16 00
669.	"	18—Repairs to Roof,		7 00
670.	"	20—Venetian Blinds,		20 85
671.	"	22—Sanitary Repairs,		288 00
672.	"	25—Repairs to 5th Story,		175 00
673.	"	26—Repairs to Boiler,		24 00
674.	"	31—Repairing Leaks in Risers,		17 00
675.	"	32—Repairing Supply Pipe, etc.,		10 00
676.	"	32—Bell Work,		13 50
677.	"	34—Wardrobes,		25 50
678.	"	34—Partitions, etc.,		92 00
679.	"	37—Halyards, etc.,		6 00

App. No.			
680.	P. S.	39—Repairing Radiator, etc.,	$28 00
681.	"	41—Repairs to Heating Apparatus,	15 00
682.	"	43—Closet in Cloak Room,	29 00
683.	"	49—Repairing Bells,	15 00
684.	"	49—Repairs to Heating Apparatus,	26 00
685.	"	51—Removing Partitions,	14 00
686.	"	51—Electric Bells, etc.,	78 00
687.	"	53—Iron Bridge to Annex,	293 00
688.	Annex	P. S. 54—(Grace Church) Electric Bells,	12 00
689.	P. S.	55—Repairs to Piano,	34 50
690.	"	57—Repairs to Doors, etc.,	13 00
691.	"	57—New Tube in Radiator,	12 00
692.	"	58—New Leader, etc.,	57 00
693.	"	59—Repairs to Boiler,	9 00
694.	"	64—Venetian Blinds,	154 91
695.	"	67—Repairs to Radiator,	46 00
696.	"	69—Repairs to Heating Apparatus,	160 00
697.	"	70—Repairing Roof, etc.,	42 00
698.	"	72—Bell Work, Keys, etc.,	7 50
699.	"	72—Slate Blackboards,	75 00
700.	"	73—Locks, etc.,	13 00
701.	"	76—Sanitary Repairs,	190 00
702.	"	76—Pump, Sink, etc.,	154 00
703.	"	76—Slate Blackboards,	13 00
704.	"	76—Repairs to Boiler,	20 00
705.	"	77—Glazing,	9 53
706.	"	81—Repairs to Doors,	15 00
707.	"	81—Shelving,	30 00
708.	"	82—Glazing,	8 10
709.	"	85—Repairs to Bells,	31 00
710.	"	85—Carpet and Linoleum,	39 87
711.	"	86—Glazing,	6 58
712.	"	87—Roof Work, Repairs to Doors, etc.,	120 00
713.	"	88—Repairs to Venetian Blinds,	20 00
714.	"	89—Repairs and Supply Closets,	74 50
715.	"	92—Gas Fixtures,	5 00
716.	"	*93*—Glass Panels in Doors,	22 00

App. No.			
717	P. S.	93—Removing partition, etc.,	$12 00
718	"	94—Picture molding,	12 00
719	"	95—Repairing desks, etc.,	10 00
720	"	96—Storage case,	40 00
721	"	96—Enclosing rear area,	8 00
722	"	96—Glazing	1 50
723	"	97—Sanitary repairs,	16 00
724	"	101—Repairing roof,	28 50
725	"	103—Repairs to doors, etc.,	15 00
726	"	103—Repairs to radiators,	80 00
727	"	108—New leader,	10 00
728	"	116—Repairs to boiler, etc.,	45 00
729	"	121—New drinking sink,	110 00
730	"	125—Gas fixtures,	12 00
731	"	126—New water closet,	15 00
732	"	126—Footrests,	20 00
733	"	127—Repairing faucets, tank, etc.,	10 00
734	"	131—Door checks, etc.,	28 00
735	"	131—Slate blackboards,	23 00
736	"	133—Benches,	90 00
737	"	133—Cellar drainer,	83 00
738	"	133—Removing property from Annex to main building,	49 00
739	"	136—Gas fixtures,	9 75
740	"	149—New skylight, etc.,	25 00
741	"	154—Chain holders, chains and cups,	35 00
742	"	155—Removing gas range,	32 00
743	"	155—(Janitor's cottage)—Bath tub, water closet, etc.,	340 00
744	"	163—Venetian blinds,	35 92
745	"	3—Chairs,	22 50
746	"	3—Repairs heating apparatus,	10 00
747	"	4—Checks and springs,	35 00
748	"	5—Electric bells,	12 00
749	"	6—Chairs,	30 00
750	"	7—Glazing,	3 90
751	"	8—Halyards,	5 00

App. No.			
752	"	12—Repairs to radiator,	$6 00
753	"	18—New wardrobe,	45 00
754	"	21—Repairing clocks,	4 75
755	"	25—Repairing gas engine, etc.,	54 00
756	"	26—Repairs to roof,	20 00
757	"	37—Chairs,	37 00
758	"	39—Repairing leak, 3d story, east side,	3 50
759	"	39— " " " " west "	17 00
760	"	43—Chairs,	39 00
761	"	43—Ventilating sashes,	55 00
762	"	49—Glazing	8 53
763	"	50—Wardrobe, etc.,	48 50
764	"	50—Desk tops and book boxes,	226 20
765	"	52—Chairs,	11 25
766	"	52—Clock,	14 00
767	"	54—Chairs,	80 00
768	Annex P. S.	54—Chairs,	55 75
769	" "	54—Flagpole,	22 50
770	P. S.	55—Electric lights,	75 00
771	Annex P. S.	57—Clocks,	28 00
772	" "	57—Window shades,	22 50
773	P. S.	58—Clock,	14 00
774	"	58—Chairs,	30 25
775	"	61—Clocks,	56 00
776	"	68—Ventilating sash,	44 00
777	"	71—Linoleum, framing slate, etc.,	52 00
778	"	73—Chairs,	78 00
779	"	75—Repairing grates,	15 00
780	"	76—Chairs,	55 50
781	"	76—Linoleum and table,	44 80
782	"	77—Chairs,	29 50
783	"	77—Chairs,	66 75
784	"	77—Glazing,	12 78
785	"	82—Clocks,	28 00
786	"	84—Chairs,	80 00
787	"	84—Glass panels in doors, etc.,	35 00
788	"	*86—Glazing,*	6 67

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789	P. S. 86—Chairs,	$61 50
790	" 87—Chairs,	33 75
791	" 90—Repairs to radiator,	59 00
792	" 93—Electric bell in Kindergarten,	7 00
793	Annex P. S. 93—Chairs,	55 75
794	P. S. 96—Repairs to speaking tubes, etc.,	15 00
795	" 97—Fittings for cellar drainer, etc.,	24 00
796	Annex P. S. 97—Clock,	14 00
797	P. S. 100—Chairs,	25 00
798	" 103—Oiling floors,	70 00
799	" 108—Repairs to leader,	6 00
800	" 108—Ball cock on tank,	7 50
801	" 109—Clock,	14 00
802	" 110—Chairs,	5 50
803	" 112—Chairs,	27 75
804	" 114—Clocks,	28 00
805	" 125—Glass panels, etc.,	24 00
806	" 127—Clock,	14 00
807	" 138—Sanitary repairs,	44 50
808	" 138—Glazing,	7 00
809	" 140—Bulletin board,	4 00
810	" 141—Chairs,	11 25
811	" 149—Bulletin board,	4 00
812	" 151—Curtains,	50 00
813	" 154—Wire screens,	80 00
814	" 155—Supply closets, etc.,	125 00
815	" 156—Locks, etc.,	14 00
816	" 163—Repairing pipes,	3 00
817	Girls' High School—Chairs,	6 00
818	Boys' " " —Chairs,	6 00
819	Mott Avenue Church—Chairs,	25 25
820	Several Schools—Specimen cases, for Kindergartens,	207 00
821	No. 585 Broadway—Metal sash guard,	2 45

Granted.

The Superintendent asked for appropriations to pay the following bills on verbal orders, issued by his authority or where prices are fixed, etc.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS—REPAIRS, ACCOUNT OF 1897.

App. No.		
4326	James Beggs & Co., December 31, 1897.—Grates, P. S. 127,	$29 07
4327	John Buchanan, December 30, 1897.—Repairing pipes, etc., Janitor's residence adjoining P. S. 32,	11 84
4328	John Buchanan, December 30, 1897.—Repairing leak, P. S. 67,	19 15
4329.	John Buchanan, Dec. 31, 1897.—Repairing water closet, P. S. 3,	6 00
4330.	Jas. Curran Mfg. Co., Dec. 30-31, 1897.—Repairing leak in steam pipe, etc., P. S. 127,	10 00
4331.	Jas. Curran Mfg. Co., Dec. 31, 1897.—Repairing low water alarms, P. S. 127,	11 34
4332.	Jas. Curran Mfg. Co., Dec. 31, 1897.—Vacuum valves, etc., P. S. 96,	28 19
4333.	Evans, Almirall & Co., Dec. 31, 1897.—Connecting radiator, etc., P. S. 149,	4 80
4334.	Evans, Almirall & Co., Dec. 27, 1897.—Packing, etc., engine, P. S. 122,	14 90
4335.	Geo. Fox's Sons, Dec. 11, 1897.—Setting smoke stack, etc., P. S. 67,	15 00
4336.	P. Greene, Dec. 27, 1897.—Repairing leaks in roof, P. S. 74,	9 19
4337.	P. Greene, Dec. 18, 1897.—Sink in cellar, P. S. 37,	10 00
4338.	B. Hamburger, Nov. 17, 1897.—Globes, P. S. 21	9 00
4339.	A. Hafelin, Jan. 3, 98.—Repairing piano, P. S. 37,	10 00
4340.	W. J. Kirkpatrick, April 1, 1897. — Hanging gates, etc., P. S. 43,	3 51
4341.	Fred Kissel, Oct. 26, 1897.—Repairing bells, P. S. 93,	10 00
4342.	Wm. T. Nealis & Co., Dec. 18, 1897.— Gas fitting, etc., P. S. 7,	5 14

App. No.

4343. O'Brien & Ryder, Dec. 29, 1897.—Repairing valve, etc., P. S. 38, ... $7 95
4344. Geo. I. Roberts & Bro., Oct. 5, 1897.—Glass and washers, P. S. 96, ... 50
4345. Richardson & Boynton Co., Dec. 28, 1897.—Grate bars, P. S. 97, ... 5 50
4346. Robt. F. Seiffert, Dec. 27, 1897.—Faucets, etc. . P. S. 155, ... 8 76
4347. Geo. Somerville, Dec. 22-31, 1897.—Clearing main, etc., P. S. 38, ... 7 50
4348. John W. Sibbald, Feb. 3-Aug. 3, 1897.—Nuts, bolts, etc., P. S. 5, ... 3 15
4349. John W. Sibbald, Dec. 18, 1897.—Lock spring, P. S. 5, ... 75
4350. White & Middleton Gas Engine Co., Nov. 27, 1897.—Repairing engine, P. S. 58, . . . 2 50

BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND.—ACCOUNT OF 1897.

870. P. Sullivan, Dec. 29, 1897.—Gate latch, frame, etc., 585 Broadway, ... 11 75
871. Manhattan General Construction Co., Dec. 17, 1897.—Carbons for focusing lamps, 585 Bway., 6 50

The Superintendent asked that appropriations be made to pay the following bills for emergencies incurred during the month of January, 1898, provision for which has been made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.

241. Wm. Anderson, Jan. 10, 1898.—Halyards, truck, etc., P. S. 11, ... $7 50
242. Wm. Anderson, Jan. 5, 1898.—Halyards, P. S. 80, 6 00
243. James Beggs & Co, Jan. 10, 1898.—Grates, etc., P. S. 54, ... 17 28
244. John Buchanan, Jan. 3, 1898.—Repairing leaks, etc., P. S. 58, ... 9 53
245. John Buchanan, Jan. 4, 1898.—Repairing water closet, P. S. 84, ... 5 25

App. No.

246. John Buchanan, Jan. 5, 1898.—Repairing pipes, P. S. 67, ... $23 29
247. John Buchanan, Jan. 8, 1898.—Repairing tank, P. S. 58, ... 7 20
248. John Buchanan, Jan. 8, 1898.—Blow off cocks, P. S. 84, ... 9 90
249. John Buchanan, Jan. 8, 1898.—Repairing water closets, etc., P. S. 69, ... 7 79
250. John Buchanan, Jan. 18, 1898.—Repairing leaks, etc., P. S. 28, ... 5 98
251. John Buchanan, Jan. 22, 1898.—Repairing tanks, etc., P. S. 80, ... 8 90
252. John Byrns, Jan. 6, 1898.—Clearing drain, P. S. 136, ... 3 65
253. John Byrns, Jan. 8, 1898.—Repairing ball cock, P. S. 161, ... 2 30
254. John Byrns, Jan. 11, 1898.—Repairing water closets, etc., P. S. 42, ... 8 99
255. John Byrns, Jan. 12, 1898.—New water closet, Hall, Board of Education, ... 14 49
256. John Byrns, Jan. 13, 1898. Repairing ball cocks, etc., P. S. 36, ... 2 87
257. John Byrns, Jan. 14, 1898.—Repairing leak, P. S. 22, ... 3 81
258. John Byrns, Jan. 19, 1898.—Gate valve, etc., Annex, P. S. 34, ... 8 00
259. John Byrns, Jan. 20, 1898.—Manhole, cleaning sewer, etc., P. S. 71, ... 112 21
260. John Byrns, Jan. 22, 1898.—Repairing tank, etc., P. S. 20, ... 3 34
261. Geo. H. Coppers, Jan. 22, 1898.—Clearing sewer, P. S. 162, ... 2 00
262. Geo. H. Coppers, Jan. 24, 1898.—Repairing pipe, P. S. 114, ... 2 75
263. O. W. Cook, Jan. 17, 1898.—Repairing plaster, etc., P. S. 19, ... 8 50

App. No.

264. Jas. Curran Mfg. Co., Jan. 6, 1898.—Gate valve, P. S. 96, ... $6 19
265. Frank Dobson, Jan. 4, 1898.—Connecting radiator, P. S. 28, ... 6 40
266. Frank Dobson, Jan. 11, 1898.—Repairs heating apparatus, P. S. 82, ... 14 11
267. Frank Dobson, Jan. 11, 1898.—Repairs heating apparatus, P. S. 135, ... 25 17
268. Frank Dobson, Jan. 25, 1898.—Repairs steam pipe, P. S, 74, ... 12 67
269. Frank Dobson, Jan. 25.—Repairs heating apparatus, P. S. 45, ... 56 99
270. John Edelkamp, Jan. 13, 1898.—Repairing bells, etc., P. S, 32, ... 4 88
271. Electric Installation & Repair Co., Jan. 18, 1898, Electric fixtures, P. S. 98, ... 18 00
272. C. E. Falvey, Jan. 22, 1898.—Glazing, P. S. 82, 3 10
273. C. E. Falvey, Jan. 22, 1898.—Glazing, P. S. 77, 6 47
274. Geo. Fox's Sons, Jan. 15-16, 1898.—Repairing boilers, P. S. 96, ... 56 15
275. Geo. Fox's Sons, Jan. 15, 1898.—Repairing boilers, P. S. 77, ... 15 32
276. Geo. Fox's Sons, Jan. 20-21, 1898.—Repairing boilers, P. S. 90, ... 14 58
277. Thos. F. Gaynor, Jan. 8, 1898.—Repairing water closet, etc., P. S. 54, ... 18 55
278. Henry Gennerich, Jan. 3, 1898.—Screens, putting up stoves, etc., P. S. 137, ... 74 15
279. E. P. Gleason Mfg. Co., Jan. 20, 1898.—Gas Fitting, etc., P. S. 83, ... 4 98
280. H. Greason, Jan. 31, 1898.—Repairing steam pipes, etc., P. S. 87, ... 18 98
281. P. Greene, Jan. 13, 1898.—Repairing leak, P. S.70, 4 75
282. P. Greene, Jan. 24, 1898.—Watercloset, P. S. 109, 10 20
283. J. B. Grond, Jan. 3, 1898.—Smoke stack, Annex, P. S. 98, ... 9 66

App. No.

284. B. Hamburger, Jan. 19, 1898.—Repairing roof, P. S. 17, ... $6 00

285. Hardman, Peck & Co., Jan. 19, 1898.—Removing piano, Female Department to Gymnasium, P. S. 87, ... 3 00

286. Hardman, Peck & Co., Jan. 20, 1898.—Moving piano, Primary Deparment, P. S. 54 to Annex 54 (Grace Church), ... 3 00

287. Wm. F. Hasse, Jan. 19, 1898, Piano stools, P. S. 37, 4 40

288. " Jan. 19, 1898, " P. S. 50, 2 20

289. " Jan. 19, 1898, " P. S. 57, 4 40

290. " Jan. 19, 1898, " P. S. 77, 4 40

291. " Jan. 19, 1898, " P. S. 99, 2 20

292. " Jan. 19, 1898, " P. S. 124, 2 20

293. Higgins H. & V. Co., Jan. 21, 1898.—Repairs to heating apparatus, P. S. 3, ... 18 29

294. N. Hirschfeld, Jan. 11, 1898.—Repairing electric bells, P. S. 115, ... 1 22

295. Chas. I. Hobkirk, Jan. 5, 1898.—Repairing pumping engine, P. S. 2, ... 88 43

296. E. Howard Watch & Clock Co., Jan. 18, 1898.—Clock, Hall, Board of Education, ... 14 00

297. Wm. Hudson, Jan. 8, 1898.—Halyards, etc., P. S. 61, ... 9 70

298. Frank Jeckel, Jan. 19, 1898.—Bell work, P. S. 84, 3 50

299. Garrett D. King, Jan. 6, 1898,—Repairing door, etc., P. S. 12, ... 3 20

300. Garrett D. King, Jan. 19, 1898.—Repairing door, etc., P. S. 4, ... 6 13

301. P. Kolman, Jan. 22, 1898.—Glazing, P. S. 74, . 8 20

302. George Lamar, Jan. 18, 1898.—Repairing doors, etc., P. S. 103, ... 9 80

303. Wm. Lohmann, Jan. 22, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 77, ... 1 25

304. Mahony Bros., Jan. 25, 1898.—Repairing doors, etc., P. S. 162, ... 1 91

App. No.

305.	Peter Manee, Jan. 14, 1898.—Halyards, truck, etc., P. S. 5,	$11 00
306.	Thos. McKeown, Jan. 12, 1898.—Shelving, glazing, etc., P. S. 96,	9 00
307.	Thos. McKeown, Jan. 27, 1898.—Lengthening platform, etc., P. S. 113,	4 94
308.	Thos. McKeown, Jan. 25, 1898.—Repairing floor, P. S. 28,	3 00
309.	John Neal's Sons, Jan. 8, 1898.—Repairs heating apparatus, P. S. 12,	9 95
310.	John Neal's Sons, Jan. 10, 1898.—Repairs heating apparatus, P. S. 125,	6 35
311.	John Neal's Sons, Jan. 12, 1898.—Repairs heating apparatus, P. S. 57,	11 04
312.	John Neal's Sons, Jan. 14, 1898.—Repairs heating apparatus, P. S. 20,	17 38
313.	John Neal's Sons, Jan. 15, 1898.—Repairs heating apparatus, P. S. 126,	32 50
314.	John Neal's Sons, Jan. 22, 1898.—Repairs heating apparatus, P. S. 15,	14 41
315.	O'Brien & Ryder, Jan. 4, 1898.—Repairing pipes, P. S. 112,	6 07
316.	Jos. W. O'Brien, Jan. 29, 1898.—Blowoff cock, etc., P. S. 38,	15 74
317.	James Power, Jan. 15, 1898.—Glazing, P. S. 1,	5 91
318.	James Power, Jan. 26, 1898.—Shelving, etc., P. S. 20,	6 98
319.	James Power, Jan. 27, 1898.—Repairing doors, etc., P. S. 42,	4 82
320.	B. Rubenstein & Son, Jan. 19, 1898.—Glazing, P. S. 20,	2 57
321.	John A. Schipf, Jan. 16, 1898.—Repairing roof, P. S. 77,	11 16
322.	John A. Schipf, Jan. 24, 1898.—Repairing gate, P. S. 72,	4 00
323.	Albert L. Schwartz, Jan. 10, 1898.—Glazing, P. S. 79,	1 61

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324.	Albert L. Schwartz, Jan. 18, 1898.—Glazing, P. S. 25,	$9 25
325.	Robt. F. Seiffert, Jan. 22, 1898.—Repairing pipe, P. S. 60,	4 43
326.	P. Sullivan, Jan. 14, 1898.—Repairing doors, etc., Girls' High School,	14 50
327.	P. Sullivan, Jan. 22, 1898.—Shelves, Hall, B. E.	15 26
328.	P. Sullivan, Jan. 29, 1898.—Repairs, locks, glazing, etc., P. S. 8,	27 25
329.	John H. Van Tine, Jan. 4, 1898.—Repairing leak, etc., P. S. 163,	11 30
330.	John H. Van Tine, Jan. 5, 1898.—Repairing pipe, etc., P. S. 46,	10 95
331.	John H. Van Tine, Jan. 5, 1898.—New water-closet, etc., P. S. 10,	21 30
332.	John H. Van Tine, Jan. 6, 1898.—Repairing leak, etc., P. S. 93,	16 60
333.	John H. Van Tine, Jan. 6, 1898.—Wash basins, etc., P. S. 46,	24 49
334.	John H. Van Tine, Jan. 6, 1898.—Taking down gas fixtures, etc., P. S. 46,	3 20
335.	John H. Van Tine, Jan. 6, 1898.—Lowering main supply pipe, P. S. 155,	67 90
336.	John H. Van Tine, Jan. 8, 1898.—Gasfitting, etc., P. S. 93,	6 2[illegible]
337.	John H. Van Tine, Jan. 11, 1898.—Wash basins, etc., P. S. 89,	13 1
338.	John H. Van Tine, Jan. 12, 1898.—Clearing cess-pool, etc., P. S. 57,	12
339.	John H. Van Tine, January 15, 1898.—Clearing supply pipe, P. S. 72,	4
340.	John H. Van Tine, January 17, 1898.—Repairing leak, P. S. 70,	2
341.	John H. Van Tine, January 18, 1898.—Repairing leak, P. S. 155,	1
342.	*John H.* Van Tine, January 19, 1898.—Repairing *leak, P.* S. 5,	

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343.	John H. Van Tine, January 20, 1898.—New water closet, etc., P. S. 64,	$5
344.	John H. Van Tine, January 20, 1898.—Repairing leak, P. S. 24,	6
345.	John H. Van Tine, January 24, 1898.—Gasfitting, P. S. 46,	7
346.	John H. Van Tine, January 24, 1898.—Clearing sewer, P. S. 103,	4
347.	F. Welsh, January 13, 1898.—Electrodes, etc., P. S. 127,	69 5
348.	Lucian Wolff, January 20, 1898.—Gasfitting, etc., P. S. 15,	8 1(
349.	L. E. Atherton, January 8, 1898.—Repairs Venetian blinds, P. S. 130,	3 00
350.	L. E. Atherton, January 29, 1898.—Repairs Venetian blinds, P. S. 23,	2 00
351.	John Byrns, February 1, 1898.—Thawing out croton waste, P. S. 149,	7 00
352.	John Byrns, January 31, 1898.—Repairing joints, P. S. 23,	6 00
353.	John Buchanan, February 5, 1898.—Gasfitting, P. S. 69,	4 99
354.	Thos. Brady, January 20, 1898.—Repairing pump, etc., P. S. 122,	9 95
355.	Thos. Brady, January 22, 1898.—New wash basin, P. S. 104,	4 15
56.	M. J. Crowley, January 19, 1898.—Clearing stoppage in sewer, etc., Annex, P. S. 94,	5 50
57.	J. J. Dowling, January 22, 1898.—Clearing water main, P. S. 31,	9 00
3.	E. P. Gleason Manufacturing Co., January 20, 1898.—Gasfitting, P. S. 83,	4 98
.	Gillis & Geoghegan, January 13, 1898.—Steamfitting, P. S. 150,	10 12
	Gillis & Geoghegan, January 31, 1898.—Steamfitting, P. S. 150,	9 32

App. No.		
361.	P. Greene, February 4, 1898.—Repairs sink, etc., P. S. 74,	$9 09
362.	P. Greene, January 15, 1898.—Repairs pump, P. S. 70,	12 54
363.	The Higgins H. & V. Co., January 3, 1890.—Repairs to heating apparatus, P. S. 72,	75 26
364.	A. Hafelin, January 12, 1898.—Piano string, P. S. 46,	50
365.	Wm. H. Housner, Jr., February 2, 1898.—Repairing furniture, P. S. 3,	4 10
366.	Wm. H. Housner, Jr., February 2, 1898.—Repairing furniture, P. S. 110,	3 50
367.	International Oil Works, January 21, 1898.—Oiling floor, P. S. 50,	1 75
368.	A. & B. Kleinberg, January 22, 1898.—Glazing, P. S. 122,	1 81
369.	Wm. Koontz, January 6, 1898.—Repairs, etc., clocks, P. S. 57,	6 00
370.	Charles Lurch, January 25, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 44,	1 25
371.	Charles Lurch, January 28, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 111,	2 50
372.	Charles Lurch, January 20, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 104,	1 25
373.	Wm. Lohmann, January 21, 1898.—Piano string, P. S. 86,	50
374.	Wm. Lohmann, January 12, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 49,	3 75
375.	Wm. Lohmann, January 15, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 53,	1 25
376.	Wm. Lohmann, January 20, 1898.—Tuning piano and string, P. S. 27,	1 75
377.	Geo. Lamar, January 20-22, 1898.—Repairing furniture, etc., P. S. 57,	9 90
378.	The J. L. Mott Iron Works, January 21, 1898.—Repairing cisterns, P. S. 96,	2 50

App. No.

379. Jos. W. O'Brien, January 19, 1898.—Repairing leaks, P. S. 38, ... $6 74

380. L. N. Schumacher, January 22, 1898.—Repairing clock, P. S. 163, ... 2 50

381. John H. Van Tine, January 29, 1898.—Clearing supply pipe, etc., P. S. 61, ... 12 93

382. Wells & Newton Co., January 31, 1898.—Pipe from pump to cesspool, P. S. 152, ... 48 00

383. The White & Middleton Gas Engine Co., February 14, 1898.—Repairs to pump, P. S. 8, . 3 50

384. Jas. Youngs, January 15, 1898.—Repairing Venetian blinds, P. S. 38, ... 2 80

385. Zimdars & Hunt, January 29, 1898.—Repairing rheostat plate, etc., P. S. 7, ... 20 87

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS, REPAIRS.—ACCOUNT OF 1896.

1845. John Byrns, Oct. 22, 1896.—Repairing cistern, P. S. 88, ... 2 20

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the bills be approved and appropriations made.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present.—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LITTLE and MCSWEENY—4.

A communication was received from Mr. HURLBUT asking to be excused from attendance at the next few meetings of this Committee, which request was granted.

From the Committee on Instruction, asking for information as to relative cost of school buildings which will accommodate from 1,200 to 1,500, and those which will accommodate about 3,000. (See Minutes, p. 62, 79, 92, 113 and 122.)

A communication was received from the Committee on Studies relative to this matter, dated March 11th, 1898.

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted a report stating that to accommodate from 1,200 to 1,500 pupils would require a building containing from twenty-four to thirty classrooms, averaging forty-five per classroom, while to accommodate 3,000 pupils on the same basis, would require a building of sixty classrooms. After looking carefully into the matter and taking the buildings already erected, which come nearest to the first requirement, it is found that such buildings would cost about 20.5 cents per cu. ft., while taking those which come nearest to the latter requirements, the cost would be about 16.14 cents per cubic foot.

Ordered, That a copy of the report of the Superintendent, together with schedule previously submitted by him, be forwarded to the Committee on Studies, with the statement, that in the opinion of this Committee, a large building can be erected

at less cost per classroom, than a small one, but that this merely refers to the cost of the building and not the site, as in some parts of the City it might be more advantageous to purchase a small site rather than a large one.

Public School 151.—Communication from E. Rutzler, Contractor for heating, etc., New School Building, Ninety-first street and First avenue, stating that in his opinion the Janitor is incompetent to care for the apparatus in the building. (See Minutes, pp. 104 and 122.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Communication from Mr. Jacob Riis. . (See Minutes, pp. 63, 79, 92, 114 and 122.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that according to the instructions of this Committee, he had visited Public School 20, on Saturday evening last, and found five clubs occupying the building; some of these were holding literary exercises, while others were in the playground engaged in games, such as foot-ball, hockey, etc. It appeared that the method of conducting these meetings, discipline, etc., was good, and the wear and tear to which the building was subjected was about the same as that caused by ordinary school sessions.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the matter be dropped from the Calendar and taken up the first meeting in September.

Adopted.

Public School 98 and 138.—(See Minutes, pp. 13, 28, 65.) Report from the City Superintendent in regard to the crowded condition of the schools, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 99, 115 and 123.)

A communication was received from the Committee on Studies approving the recommendation made by the Borough Superintendent of Schools that an addition to Public School 138 to contain six classrooms, should be erected.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Studies with the statement that this Committee *deems it* inadvisable to erect a six classroom building but is of

the opinion that one containing twelve classrooms should be erected, which would cost but very little more. This to be built at once if necessity requires, without waiting for the acquisition of additional property now under condemnation.

Laid over.

Public School 97.—Relative to payment of rent for use of rooms in Odd Fellows' Home used as an Annex. (See Minutes, pp. 110, 115 and 123.)

A communication was received from the Superintendent of the German Odd Fellows' Home, stating that when the rooms in the Home were offered to the Board of Education for school purposes, it was thought they would not be needed for more than one or two months, but now they have been in use since September 20th, 1897, nearly six months, and it is considered that $40 per month for the rent of two rooms, well furnished and heated, is reasonable. Application is therefore made for payment at this rate from November 20th, 1897.

Ordered, That Mr. Devlin, Principal of P. S. 97, be notified that in view of the fact that the new addition to the school will be ready in about one month, this Committee does not deem it advisable to enter into a contract for a lease, and if the officers of the Odd Fellows' Home insist upon remuneration for use of the building, it must be vacated at once.

The following items were laid over awaiting reports from the Committee on Studies:

Public School 5.—Communication from the Principal of F. D. requesting that the rooms opposite the Boys' Modeling Room, formerly applied for as a sewing room, be fitted up with desks and seats, etc., for a Modeling Room for Girls' Department. (See Minutes, pp. 109, 116 and 123.)

Public School 176.—Report from Superintendent Jasper, relative to number of rooms, etc., to be provided in new school building, Amethyst avenue and Victor street, Van Nest Park. (See Minutes, p. 129.)

Public School 175.—From Superintendent Jasper, relative to number of rooms, etc., to be provided in new school building, Jerome and Walton avenues and One hundred and eighty-fourth street. (See Minutes, p. 130.)

Public School 5.—From Superintendent Jasper, relative to use of portion of playground for classrooms, etc., etc. (See Minutes, p. 130.)

Public School 11.—From Superintendent Jasper, relative to dividing main room by sliding doors, etc. (See Minutes, p. 130.)

Public School 6.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth School District, asking to be informed if it is the intention to erect an addition to contain a Kindergarten and Kitchen, on lots now being acquired in the rear of the school on Eighty-sixth street. (See Minutes, pp. 108, 116 and 125.)

Public School 178.—From Superintendent Jasper, relative to number of rooms, etc., to be provided in new school building, One hundred and sixty-third street, Grant and Morris avenues. (See Minutes, 1897, p. 489, and Minutes 1898, p. 130.)

From Committee on Instruction in reference to renumbering P. S. 12 and abandoning P. S. 31 upon completion of new P. S. 12, stating that the matter is now under advisement pending the change in the school system, and a report will be made later. (See Minutes, pp. 48 and 133.)

Ordered, That the matter be dropped from the calendar until a further report is received.

Public School 34.—Communication from Mr. A. WEISSMAN, asking on behalf of the graduates of this school, for permission to use a room in the building to organize an Alumni Association, and afterward to use same for semi-annual meetings. (See Minutes, pp. 109, 116 and 124.)

Mr. LITTLE moved that the request be granted, provided the time of the proposed meetings does not interfere with other uses of the building heretofore granted.

Adopted.

Public School 41.—Communication from the Board of Inspectors of the 11th School District, requesting that the premises adjoining the school on the north, now in possession of the Board, be improved for classrooms, Kindergarten, Manual Training, etc. (See Minutes, p. 128.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that the lot in question was acquired to prevent the owner from erecting a tenement house which would interfere with the light of the school, but an addition containing six classrooms could be erected running back as far as the present wing, which would not cut off light and air.

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 51.—From Superintendent Jasper relative to need of additional furniture for three classes now taught in the main room, G. D. (See Minutes, p. 129.)

The Superintendent reported that he had directed one of the Furniture Inspectors to investigate the matter, who reported that the Principal stated the only time any difficulty was experienced was during writing and drawing exercises, but by the use of some extra desks, which were in the building, had overcome the trouble and was satisfied with the present arrangements. The Superintendent further stated that new desks would be placed in the main room during the Summer vacation.

Ordered, That the report be accepted and the item dropped from the Calendar.

Public School 19.—Complaint from the Board of Inspectors of the 10th School District in regard to condition of building. (See Minutes, p. 131.)

The Deputy Superintendent submitted a further report stating that the cellar is in good sanitary condition, only needing whitewashing and small repairs to ceiling, which will be taken care of during the coming vacation.

Ordered, That the Board of Inspectors of the 10th School District be notified of these facts.

From Superintendent Jasper, submitting an analysis of report of Board of Inspectors of School District No. 1. (See Minutes, p. 132.)

The Chairman reported that he had looked over this analysis very carefully and thought it well to call the attention of this Committee to the following:

Public School 29.—Inspectors recommend that one more of the rooms in the G. D. be divided by partitions; that a Kindergarten be provided, and if necessary, an additional story erected.

The Chairman stated that some of the rooms in the G. D. are only partially filled, and if classes were consolidated a number of the Primary children could be accommodated; that to divide the larger rooms by partitions would cost in the neighborhood of $600. Further, that he considered it both impracticable and unnecessary to erect an additional story.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Studies, asking if this consolidation, as suggested, cannot be effected in order to provide additional room for the Primary children.

Public School 114.—Inspectors request that immediate steps be taken to provide sufficient toilet rooms, as those now in use are wholly inadequate.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Deputy Superintendent for a report as to the cost of enlarging present closets, etc.

The following matters were laid over to be taken up for consideration the first meeting in September, 1898.

Communication from the Inspectors of the Fourteenth School District, relative to the designation of one school building in each District, in which rooms may be set aside for use during the evening by clubs or societies of school graduates for educational purposes, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 83, 97, 114 and 122.)

From the Inspectors of the Twelfth School District asking *that* one school building in every district be designated, in which

rooms may be set apart for the use of clubs, societies, etc., for educational purposes. (See Minutes, p. 135.)

From the Patriotic League for permission to have a club of boys meet in a school building in the vicinity of Norfolk street. (See Minutes, p. 136.)

Communication from William W. Seymour, requesting permission to use once a week, some space in new Public Schools 1 or 2, for a club of boys, referred from the Committee on Teachers. (See Minutes, p. 136.)

High Schools.—Communication from the Committee on High Schools relative to buildings to be leased for temporary High Schools. (See Minutes, p. 138.)

The Deputy Superintendent reported that in accordance with the instructions of this Committee he had again made a canvass of the neighborhood for a building which could be rented for High School purposes, and found that in the University Building, Washington Square, East, the eighth and ninth floors are for rent. The eighth floor has light on four sides and can be satisfactorily divided to accommodate sixteen classes. The total annual rental for the first year, which includes all necessary alterations, will be about $9,300; also that he had asked to have a proposition submitted which will cover rent, necessary partitions, sanitary work, etc., and would present same at the next meeting.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Deputy Superintendent for a further report, and in the meantime a communication be sent to the Committee on High Schools, calling attention to these premises and asking for an opinion as to the advisability of renting two floors in the building in question for the use of both Boys' and Girls' High Schools.

Public School 43.—Statement of Chairman relative to tenement building to be erected adjoining the school and suggestion that a strip of land 25 feet be purchased to preserve light and air to the school. (See Minutes, p. 139.)

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the acquisition of

this lot is unnecessary as the only damage which could be caused by the erection of a high building, would be to shut out the light from the pupils' stairway on the west end as the classrooms on the second, third and fourth floors are lighted from the north and south.

Mr. EUSTIS stated that he considered the acquisition of this lot necessary in order to give more light and air to the school, and moved that steps be taken to acquire a strip of land 25 feet wide, adjoining the westerly side of the present site.

Adopted.

Suggestions from the Board of District School Inspectors, referred to this Committee. (See Minutes, pp. 101, 115, 118 and 123.)

Public School 27.—(Sixteenth District.) "The ventilation " of school rooms is insufficient and the Inspectors recommend " additional ventilation by placing a large plate of glass across " the bottom of the lower sash on inside of each window."

The Deputy Superintendent reported that there are about fifty windows to be provided with these sash, which will cost about $75.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the request be granted and the matter referred to the Superintendent.

Adopted.

Public School 73 (Sixteenth District).—"Teachers continue " to complain of the odors from the stable in rear and the In- " spectors ask to have this nuisance abated."

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the attention of the Department of Health be called to this matter.

Adopted.

From the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-seventh School District calling attention to the fact that drinking cups are not supplied to the schools and the children are compelled to drink from the faucets.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on *Supplies, Boroughs* of Manhattan and The Bronx.

Public School 61 (Thirty-third District).—From the Inspectors calling attention to the fact that "an addition should be erected on land now owned by the Board as there is pressing need for class-rooms and gymnasium for this school."

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that this addition had already been recommended by the ~~Borough~~ City Superintendent, the Committee on Instruction and this Committee (see Minutes, 1897, pages 522 and 603), but plans, etc., had not been taken up as yet owing to the greater need for other buildings.

A communication was received from Superintendent JASPER stating that the school will need the said addition at an early date and begging to recall the matter for early consideration.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings to prepare plans, etc., for the required improvements.

Public School 133 (Thirty-third District).—"A Grammar "School Building should be erected on the Fox Estate capable "of accommodating 1,200 scholars in connection with Public "School 133, as the rapid growth of that section of the City de- "mands such a school building."

Ordered, That the matter be referred to Superintendent Jasper and the Superintendent of School Buildings for reports.

Public School 71.—From the Inspectors of the Eighth School District, recommending that an annex to the school be erected.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Borough Superintendent and the Superintendent of School Buildings for reports.

Public School 154 (Thirty-second District).—"Lounges should "be furnished for the retiring rooms for the comfort and con- "venience of any teacher or pupil taken faint or ill."

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that one lounge be provided for this building when money is available.

Adopted.

Public School 72 (Twenty-eighth District).—" In the Pri-
" mary Department two bookcases should be provided in the
" middle hall for books used in this Department."

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Supplies of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

Public School 18 (Eighteenth District).—" The janitor fulfills
" his duties to our perfect satisfaction. In the last report we stated
" that the janitor's work was 'fair.' The term was not the one
" we should have used. His work is quite satisfactory and we
" have no complaint to make of him. It seems that the state-
" ment that his work was 'fair' was regarded in the light of a
" mild complaint. So, we would like to have the janitor of G.
" S. 18 set right in this matter.

" Would like to urge the necessity of procuriug as quickly as
" possible the lots in Fifty-second street back of the school."

Ordered, That the matter of procuring lots in the rear of the school be laid over.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that the work of erecting the new Hall for the Board is progressing very slowly. The contract was dated November 19th, 1897, to be completed November 12th, 1898, and up to the present time the foundations are not completed. The lease of the two floors, 585–587 Broadway, occupied by this Bureau, expires on the 1st of February, 1899, and from the present outlook, unless some action is taken to hasten the contractors, it will be impossible to get the new building ready for our use at that time, which will necessitate the renewal of lease for another year, at a cost of $5,750. The lease of rented building No. 160 Elm street also expires on February 1st, 1899, rental $1,700, while the lease of top floor, Nos. 419–421 Broome street, used as an estimating room, expires on the same date, annual rental $2,100, making a total rental of $9,550.

Ordered, That the attention of the contractor be called to the fact that work on this contract is progressing very slowly and a statement as above, forwarded to him; also that a copy be sent

to Messrs. N. Le Brun & Sons, architects, and they be requested to be present at the next meeting of this Committee.

Public School 109.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-eighth School District, stating that "classrooms on the ground "floor are not in proper condition for school purposes during "cold weather. They are cold, especially the floors, there being "no heat in the cellar, and the cold draughts are very detri-"mental to the health of the children and teachers." Also recommending "that classes be discontinued or transferred at once, or steps taken to remedy the present condition."

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that a new site has been acquired on Ninety-ninth and One hundredth streets, between Second and Third avenues, and plans for the new building to be erected thereon, to take the place of old P. S. 109, are almost completed. He further reported that orders have been given to place steam coils in the cellar under the first floor, which will do away with the dampness complained of.

Ordered, That a statement of the facts be forwarded to the Inspectors.

Public Schools 6 and 37.—From Superintendent Jasper, submitting a report from Associate Superintendent Marble, relative to ventilation, heat regulation, etc., of the classrooms.

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that the Engineer Assistant had visited these buildings with Mr. Marble, and found the ventilation excellent but the heat regulation was somewhat irregular owing to changes recently made in the Croton mains in the streets, the pressure being so reduced at certain hours that the automatic temperature regulation refused to act. Additional water connections, however, have been made which will overcome the difficulty.

Ordered, That the report be accepted.

From Superintendent Jasper, submitting a list of schools where it is desired to hold a series of Manual Training Conferences and asking that the Janitors be notified.

Mr. Little moved that the request be granted.

Adopted.

Public School 64.—From the Inspectors of the Thirty-fourth School District, requesting that a piano be supplied on the first or Primary floor of the school.

The Superintendent reported that orders have been given to repair a piano now in P. S. 113 for this purpose, which will be moved to the school as soon as work is completed.

Ordered, That the Inspectors be notified of the action taken.

Public School 2.—From D. F. Gibb, contractor, for erecting new additions, etc., asking to be released from paying insurance on the old building, as work is substantially completed therein.

Ordered, That the request be denied for the reason that workmen will be continually passing through the old building during progress of work in the new part, and further, that the contract for the old and new buildings is not divided.

Communication from Miss Sophie J. Nicolai, stating that it is proposed to hold a series of conferences in a number of school buildings, which will extend over quite a period of time, and asking that the Janitors be notified.

Mr. LITTLE moved that this request be granted and the Janitors notified.

Adopted.

From Mrs. JAMES KELLY, offering for sale property in East One hundred and fifteenth street for school purposes (annex to P. S. 57).

Ordered, That the proposition be declined as this property is not required owing to the recent lease of a building in One hundred and sixteenth street.

Public School 42.—Communication from F. M. Blake, owner of property No. 39 Ludlow street, in rear of the new school building, asking to be allowed to place twelve small windows in the southerly wall of his building, for light and air.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the request be denied as to grant same would be equivalent to granting easements for light and air

as applied to school property, which is not within the power of this Committee.

Adopted.

Public School 168.—From P. J. Walsh, Contractor for erecting new school building, One hundred and fourth and One hundred and fifth streets, between First and Second avenues, stating that on January 11th, 1898, he was awarded a contract for erecting this new building and deposited with his bid a certified check for $9,100; also that he considered it a hardship that his money should be tied up and no benefit received therefrom, and asking that same be returned.

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that this was one of many contracts now before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment awaiting approval.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Borough Board requesting the Board of Education to take such steps as may seem advisable to hasten the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in this case, as well as other contracts relating to the said Board, now before it.

Public School 110.—The Superintendent reported having excused the Janitor for absence from duty for a few hours on the 18th inst. to attend to important personal business.

Public School 13.—The Superintendent reported having excused the Janitor for absence on the 11th inst. to attend a funeral.

Public School 11.—The Superintendent reported having excused the Janitor for a few hours' absence on the 9th inst. to attend a funeral.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Public School 150.—Complaint from Mr. Robert Maynicke, Secretary of the Twenty-eighth School District, stating that a number of teachers have been absent from school on account of

illness due to the improper and inadequate heating of main building and annex.

The Superintendent reported having written to Mr. E. D. Conolly, owner of the building, in regard to the matter, as according to the terms of the lease the owners were to furnish proper heating apparatus.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Public School 5.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of living apartments having been altered for school purposes.

The Superintendent reported that according to the By-Laws this Janitor is entitled to an annual salary of $3,835, being an increase of $65; to take effect February 1st, 1898.

From the Committee on Studies, referring a letter from Mr. Jacob A. Riis, relative to school playgrounds, which was ordered printed in the Minutes and laid over.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SMALL PARKS COMMITTEE,
301 MULBERRY STREET,

January 25, 1898.

Chairman Committee on Instruction.

Dear Sir: When last month by your invitation I argued before the Committee on Instruction in favor of opening the school playgrounds of the future to the general public as neighborhood recreation grounds, I promised, as you will remember, to present in writing my notions of how this could be done. The Committee volunteered to send to me a list of the indoor playgrounds of certain new schools so that I might examine them and tell the committee if the application included these. I have not received the list, and so have not had the opportunity. However, that question may be left out at present. The plea made by the Small Parks Committee for the public use of the school playgrounds took no account of the indoor playrooms. It had reference altogether to the outdoor playgrounds, which, under the law of 1895, the Board of Education must provide *for every school* building in the city.

As to these, the proposition is simply that they shall be opened to the general neighborhood when the school is not in session, that is, after school hours, on Saturday, and during the long vacation. To the end that they may serve the purpose of public playgrounds, two things are requisite, they must be of sufficient size, and there must be proper superintendence at all times. The last of the two presents no obstacle. I have talked the matter over with the Chief of Police and he tells me that he will furnish all needful protection. The roof garden on the Hebrew Institute, and the recreation piers, furnish precedents. If matrons or other paid help is necessary, I doubt not that it can be had for the asking in the next annual budget.

The question of the proper size of the playgrounds involves a real difficulty, but, as I told the Committee, the proposition itself is intended to help remove it. The law does not say how big the playground shall be. It merely says that there shall be one. In this uncertainty, the idea that it shall be for general neighborhood use at once suggests and justifies, unless the plan be in itself unjustifiable, a site big enough to serve for that purpose, say an area of four city lots for instance. The announcement that it was the intention of the Department to take land for such a purpose, would at once develop an interest which would decide the question of justification in short order.

This applies to playgrounds on the street level. If on the roof, it is only necessary to turn the playground into a roof garden after school hours. Such a roof garden might be, and I imagine should be, wholly shut off from the school proper. The stairs should lead straight up from the street, the opening of the doors being the signal that the playground was for use by the public. The details, such as lighting and arranging with a fringe of tables and chairs for the older people, and the possible sale of milk, etc., for the children, need not be gone into now. I am told that the sale of privileges to tradesmen at the play-piers, covers in part or wholly the cost of attendance. There may be in this a hint for the Department worth taking note of. I merely throw out the suggestion. The departure once made the details will take care of themselves.

The one question to be answered before the departure can be made is this: Do all these things tend to the purpose for which schools are established? Are they educational? In many ways the question has been answered in the last fifty years and always in the affirmative. It was so answered when the Kindergarten, reared upon the assertion that "play is the normal occupation of the child," and that "through it he first perceives moral relations," was accepted as the right beginning of all education. It has been answered in most of the great cities here and abroad in the establishment of public play-grounds as recognized adjuncts of the classroom. It is answered by the police with most emphatic testimony in the report of the Small Parks Committee, copies of which I forward for your perusal with this letter. Wherever park or playground was established the "whole neighborhood took a change decidedly for the better." The want of it bred toughs and hoodlums, smarting under an injustice which they were ready to avenge upon the social order. It is an old story by this time, and everywhere it is the same.

If by "Education" is understood merely the process of imparting information in the classroom, of cramming the children with facts for future use, from which the play-hour is rest compelled only by physical necessity, then the playground has no place in the educational machinery. The subject might as well be dismissed at once. But if the term stands for whatever goes to make character and to mould the mind of the child, all the rest being the mere scaffolding necessary in the process, then indeed the wiping out of the old injury, the gravest that could be inflicted upon a generation, that of robbing the child of his play, is educational in the highest sense, and the public play-ground should be justly a part of the educational scheme.

The day will come when we shall all marvel that the question could ever have been raised. I do not think it is far off, and I have a lively hope of seeing your Committee help usher it in by taking a stand in the matter, for what seems to me public spirit and common sense rolled into one.

Most respectfully yours,

JACOB RIIS,

Secretary.

Public School 40.—Communication from Mr. John G. Henshaw, Trustee and Executor for estate of Jessie Henshaw, making application for the privilege of cutting windows in the party wall of No. 310 East Twentieth street, opening upon the school property.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the request be denied on the ground that it would be equivalent to granting easements for light and air, which this Committee has no power to do.

Adopted.

Public School 133.—Mr. Peter N. Phillips, representative of Mr. Thomas Dwyer, contractor for erecting an additional story, etc., to this building, appeared before the Committee in regard to division of the final payment as made by this Committee at the last meeting (see Minutes, pp. 126, 127), and gave satisfactory reasons for delay in the work. He requested that an extension of time be granted and only a sufficient amount of money retained to finish the work, such as concreting, etc., which could not be done until the weather permits.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that an extension of time be granted to date and the final payment of $7,776 divided so that $1,000 will be retained; the payments hereafter to be known as follows:

5th.	When work is substantially completed, . .	$6,776
6th.	When work is completed and accepted, . .	1,000

Adopted.

Public School 154.—The Cleveland School Furniture Co., Furniture, Item IV. (final payment), . $561 42

Extension required from September 1st, 1897, to February 16th, 1898.

Mr. H. N. Booz, representative of the Company, who had been invited to appear before this Committee in regard to delay in completion of the contract, was present and heard.

The Superintendent stated that this contract was to have been completed on September 1st, 1897. On October 18th, 1897, the first payment was refused for the reason that but 2,720 square feet of slate had been furnished out of a total of 3,950

square feet, and on December 13th, 1897, a number of slates were condemned as being defective.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the sum of $50 be deducted from the final payment for non-completion of the contract in the time specified, being five days' liquidated damages.

Adopted.

The Superintendent called attention to the fact that the time for which Patrol Inspectors were appointed expires on March 15th, 1898. (See Minutes, p. 104.)

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the time be extended to April 15th, 1898.

Adopted.

The Committee signed the following payroll: Inspectors on New Buildings for one week ending March 12th, 1898, $849.00

The CHAIRMAN reported having made the following appropriations from "Buildings Contingent Fund," Account of 1897, for bills incurred on Emergency Orders of Janitors, duly countersigned:

Appropriation Nos. 872–879, inclusive, 8 bills, aggregating, ... $50 70

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The Committee granted an extension of time on the following contracts:

Public School 34.—The Wells & Newton Co. Heating, etc.; dated July 6th, 1897; extended to March 2d, 1898.

Public School 62.—Mixed High School. E. Rutzler. Heating, etc.; dated September 9th, 1897; extended to March 10th, 1898.

The Committee approved and signed the following final payments:

Public School 34.—The Wells & Newton Co.; Heating, etc., ... $4,525 00
" " 62.—Mixed High School; E. Rutzler; Heating, etc., . . 2,985 00
" " 154.—Cleveland School Furniture Co.; Furniture, Item IV., . . 511 42

Final payment on orders on contract of the New Jersey Church-School Furniture Co., New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item III., $161 33:

P. S. 10, ...	$41 34
" 100, ...	119 99
	$161 33

Final payment on orders on contract of the Richmond School Furniture Co., Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item II., $72 77:

P. S. 26, ...	$23 59
" 61, ...	25 36
" 108, ...	23 82
	$72 77

Final payment on orders on contract of C. H. Browne, for New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item I., $46 10:

P. S. 6, ...	$2 04
" 12, ...	4 08
" 98, ...	39 98
	$46 10

The Committee opened the following bids:

Public School 53.—Alterations, first story, new exit, etc.:

W. & W. F. Crockett, ...	$1,450 00
Julius Haas, ...	942 00
W. W. Luyster, ...	997 00

The award was made to the lowest bidder as follows:

App. No.
888. P. S. 53.—Julius Haas, ... $942 00

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid.

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.				
836	P. S.	3.	Linoleum and furniture,	$38 11
837	Ann.	P. S. 4.	Repairs to gutter, etc.,	10 00
838	P. S.	10.	Venetian blinds,	7 84
839	"	11.	Repairs to blinds and chairs,	59 00
840	"	14.	Repairs to furniture, etc.,	6 50
841	"	18.	Iron latch on gate,	4 00
842	"	18.	Repairs Venetian blinds, etc.,	5 00
843	"	40.	Slate blackboards,	17 00
844	"	41.	Locks, etc.,	3 50
845	"	42.	Gas fixtures,	24 50
846	"	45.	Repairs Venetian blinds, etc.,	15 00
847	"	48.	Repairs heating apparatus,	39 00
848	"	50.	Repairs mat braces, locks, etc.,	10 00
849	"	50.	Venetian blinds, tables, etc.,	109 00
850	"	51.	Changing clothes hooks,	15 00
851	"	51.	Table, mirror, etc.,	14 00
852	"	52.	Desks, blackboards, etc.,	130 00
853	"	53.	Repairs electric bells,	20 00
854	"	57.	Annex. Handrails, repairs, etc.,	60 00
855	"	61.	New door, etc.,	59 00
856	"	63.	Cleaning, etc., privy vaults,	25 00
857	"	65.	" " " "	30 00
858	"	68.	New watercloset, Janitor's room,	65 00
859	"	68.	Repairs to bells,	13 50
860	"	74.	Bells, padlocks, etc.,	33 65
861	"	77.	Slate blackboards,	80 00
862	"	77.	Cutting flagging, etc.,	65 00
863	"	77.	Gas fixtures,	9 25
864	"	78.	Repairing bells, etc.,	6 00
865	"	82.	Locks, etc.,	4 50
866	P. S.	82.	Locks, keys, etc.	9 00
867	"	82.	Repairs heating apparatus,	27 00

App. No.				
868	Ann. P. S.	85.	Removing school property to Storehouse, etc.,	$22 00
869	P. S.	87.	Repairs to doors, new locks, etc.,	16 50
870	"	88.	Repairs to roof, etc ,	90 00
871	"	94.	Repairs to doors, etc.,	11 00
872	"	96.	Gas and electric fixtures,	126 00
873	"	96.	Repairs sliding doors, etc.,	35 00
874	"	99.	Venetian blinds, etc.,	61 66
875	"	109.	Repairs Venetian blinds, etc.,	9 00
876	"	111.	Window shades,	6 75
877	"	118.	Repairs to roof,	15 00
878	"	118.	Door checks, etc.,	19 00
879	"	136.	Door checks and springs,	24 00
880	"	143.	Repairs to ceiling,	12 00
881	"	145.	Cleaning, etc., privy vaults,	10 00
882	"	148.	Flagpole,	60 00
883	"	150.	Locks, etc.,	11 00
884	"	151.	Locks, repairs to gates, etc.,	77 00
885	Mixed High School.		New wardrobes,	233 00
886	Hall, B/E.,		Reflector in Committee Room,	30 00
887	Sash cord,			82 80

The Superintendent asked that appropriations be made to pay the following bills, incurred during January, 1898, and provided for by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

386	A. Hafelin,	Jan. 12/98,	Tuning piano,	P. S. 89.	$1 25
387	"	Jan. 12/98,	" etc.,	P. S. 109.	1 75
388	"	Jan. 28/98,	Piano spring,	P. S. 94.	50
389	"	Jan. 28/98,	Tuning piano,	P. S. 119.	1 25
390	"	Jan. 31/98,	"	P. S. 6.	1 25
391	Charles Lurch,	Jan. 14/98,	"	P. S. 40.	2 50
392	"	Jan. 15/98,	"	P. S. 71.	2 50
393	"	Jan. 17/98,	" etc.,	P. S. 11.	4 75
394	"	Jan. 19/98,	"	P. S. 45.	2 50
395	"	Jan. 21/98,	"	P. S. 48.	3 75
396	J. F. Valois,	Jan. 15/98,	" etc.,	P. S. 64.	1 75
397	"	Jan. 15/98,	"	P. S. 91.	1 25
398	"	Jan. 27/98,	"	P. S. 62.	1 25
399	B. Rubenstein & Son,	Jan. 27/98,	Glazing,	P. S. 75.	5 11

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the bills be approved and appropriations made.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present.—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. HURLBUT, LITTLE and MCSWEENY—4.

On motion the Minutes of the meetings of March 8th and 14th, 1898, were approved.

Public School 151.—Communication from E. Rutzler, contractor for heating, etc., new school building, Ninety-first street and First avenue, stating that, in his opinion, the Janitor is incompetent to care for the apparatus in the building. (See Minutes, pp. 104, 122 and 160.)

Laid over.

Public School 138.—(See Minutes, pp. 13, 28 and 65.) Report from the City Superintendent in regard to the crowded condition of the school, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 99, 115, 123 and 160.)

A communication was received from the Committee on Studies, approving the recommendation of this Committee that a twelve classroom building be erected on the property in question, and requesting that this addition be erected at once without waiting for the acquisition of additional property now being acquired.

Ordered, That the report from the Committee on Studies be approved and the Superintendent directed to have plans, etc., for the new building prepared.

Public School 5.—Communication from the Principal of F. D. requesting that the rooms opposite the Boys' Modeling Room, formerly applied for as a Sewing Room, be fitted up with desks and seats, etc., for a Modeling Room for Girls' Department. (See Minutes, pp. 109, 116, 123 and 161.)

A report was received from a Sub-Committee of the Committee on Studies, stating that it is of the opinion after investigation, that the room designated as "Drawing Room," should be divided into two classrooms and immediately fitted up with furniture for Primary pupils.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the report of the Committee on Studies be approved, and the Superintendent directed to have the necessary alterations made.

Adopted.

Public School 175.—From Superintendent Jasper, relative to number of rooms, etc., to be provided in new school building, Jerome and Walton avenues and One hundred and eighty-fourth street. (See Minutes, pp. 130 and 162.)

A communication was received from the Committee on Studies, approving the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent of Schools as to the number of rooms, etc., to be provided in the new school building.

Mr. Hurlbut moved that the report be accepted.

Adopted.

Public School 176.—Report from Superintendent Jasper, relative to number of rooms, etc., to be provided in new school building, Amethyst avenue and Victor street, Van Nest Park. (See Minutes, pp. 129 and 161.)

A report was received from the Committee on Studies approving the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent of Schools as to the number of classrooms, etc., to be provided in the new school building.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the report be accepted and the

Superintendent directed to have plans, etc., for the new building prepared accordingly.

Adopted.

Public School 5.—From Superintendent JASPER, relative to use of portion of playground for classrooms, etc., etc. (See Minutes, pp. 130 and 162.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 11.—From Superintendent JASPER, relative to dividing main room by sliding doors, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 130 and 162.)

A report was received from the Committee on Studies approving the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent of Schools. (See Minutes, p. 130.)

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the report of the Committee on Studies be accepted, and the Superintendent directed to have the necessary alterations made.

Adopted.

Public School 6.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth School District, asking to be informed if it is the intention to erect an addition to contain a kindergarten and kitchen, on lots now being acquired in the rear of the school on Eighty-sixth street. (See Minutes, pp. 108, 116, 125 and 162.)

A report was received from the Committee on Studies stating that it is of the opinion "that this property should be graded and paved and used as a playground for boys and girls, as this school is not crowded and there is no immediate necessity for additional accommodation."

Ordered, That the matter be laid over for further consideration.

Public School 178.—From Superintendent Jasper, relative to number of rooms, etc., to be provided in new school building, One hundred and sixty-third street, Grant and Morris avenues. (See Minutes, pp. 130 and 162; Minutes, 1897, p. 489.)

A report was received from the Committee on Studies approving the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent of Schools as to the number of rooms, etc., to be provided in the new school building.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the report be accepted and plans, etc., for the new building, prepared accordingly.

Adopted.

Public School 41.—Communication from the Board of Inspectors of the Eleventh School District, requesting that the premises adjoining the school on the north, now in possession of the Board, be improved for classrooms, kindergarten, manual training, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 128 and 163.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 29.—From the Inspectors of the First School District recommending that one or more of the rooms in the G. D. be divided by partitions; that a kindergarten be provided, and if necessary, an additional story erected. (See Minutes, p. 164.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Borough Superintendent of Schools.

Public School 114.—From the Board of School Inspectors of the First District, requesting that immediate steps be taken to provide sufficient toilet rooms, as those now in use are wholly inadequate. (See Minutes, p. 164.)

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings reported that a lot in the rear of this school is now being acquired, and will probably be in the possession of the Board of Education in six months' time; also if after new Public School 1 is opened, the sanitary accommodations in this school are still found inadequate, additional closets for girls can be provided at a cost of about $900. This, however, would be only a temporary arrangement, as when the lot in rear is acquired, new closets, etc., will be erected.

Ordered, That the item be dropped from the Calendar and

the Inspectors notified that, in view of the fact that new closets are to be erected on the lot in the rear of the school, No. 92 James street, now being acquired, which will probably be in the possession of the Board in six months' time, it is not deemed wise to expend the large amount necessary to provide additional closet accommodations in the building.

High Schools.—Communication from the Committee on High Schools, relative to buildings to be leased for temporary High Schools. (See Minutes, pp. 138 and 165.)

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings reported that he had obtained a proposition from Mr. A. J. Tompkins, Registrar, as to the terms upon which the eighth and ninth floors in the University building can be rented for school purposes, and in accordance with the directions of this Committee, a copy had been referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Ordered, That the matter be laid over awaiting a communication from the Committee on High Schools.

Public School 133—Recommendation from the Inspectors of the Thirty-third School District, relative to the erection of a Grammar School Building on the Fox estate, in connection with P. S. 133. (See Minutes, p. 167.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that there is sufficient land on the northerly side of the present school, owned by the City, upon which a building of the required size could be erected.

A report was received from the Borough Superintendent of Schools, endorsed by the Committee on Studies, stating that as a new addition to P. S. 61 containing twelve classrooms, is soon to be erected and another story has just been added to P. S. 133, it is not advisable at this time to comply with the request of the Board of Inspectors.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the report of the Borough Superintendent be approved and the Inspectors notified that this Committee considers that sufficient school accommodations will be

provided in this neighborhood in the near future, without the new building suggested by them.

Adopted.

Public School 71.—From the Inspectors of the Eighth School District, recommending that an annex to the school be erected. (See Minutes, p. 167.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that the Board of Education is now acquiring three lots in the rear of this school, title to which will probably be received in about sixty days. Plans have not yet been prepared for the new building as other work has been indicated to precede same.

Laid over awaiting a report from the Borough Superintendent of Schools.

Public School 18.—From the Inspectors of the Eighteenth School District, urging the necessity of procuring the lots in Fifty-second street, in the rear of the school. (See Minutes, p. 168.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that three lots, Nos. 124-126-128 East Fifty-second street, are now being acquired by condemnation. On December 20th, 1897, the matter was reported to be in the hands of the Counsel to the Corporation, and since that time, as far as known, nothing has been done.

Ordered, That the item be dropped from the Calendar and the Inspectors notified of the facts in the case.

Hall of the Board of Education.—Matter of contract for erecting new building. (See Minutes, p. 168.)

The Chairman reported that he had had an interview with Mr. Cockerill, contractor, who stated that while he was willing to do everything possible to forward the work, yet he could not carry on same in a proper manner on account of his inability to get money on payments from the Comptroller.

Mr. Little moved that a report be presented to the Borough

Board requesting the Board of Education to take such steps as may be necessary to bring the matter before the Comptroller.

Adopted.

Letter from Jacob A. Riis, referred from the Committee on Studies. (See Minutes, p. 172.)

Laid over.

Public School 34.—Communication from the Department of Health, relative to condition of vacant lots adjoining the school, No. 25 Sheriff street and No. 24½ Willett street. (See Minutes, p. 134.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on By-Laws and Legislation.

Harlem Evening High School.—A communication was received from Mr. E. A. Page, Principal, asking that in drawing plans for new school building to be erected in One hundred and sixteenth street, just east of Fifth avenue, arrangements be made for the permanent location of the Evening High School.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file until plans, etc., for the new building are taken up, as the site in question is not yet in possession of the Board of Education.

Mr. Wilson L. Gill. President of the Patriotic League, was present and heard in reference to application to permit a club of boys to meet in a school building in the vicinity of Norfolk street. (See Minutes, p. 165.)

Ordered, That the matter be laid over for further consideration.

Public School 103.—Communication from Mr. E. A. Page, Principal of the Harlem Evening High School, asking that the Literary and Debating Society of the High School be allowed to meet in this building about once each week until vacation, under the supervision of an Instructor, who will be present.

Mr. HURLBUT moved that the request be granted, provided

the building is not used for other purposes upon the evenings selected for the meetings, and arrangements are made by the Society to compensate the Janitor for his services.

Adopted.

Statement from William T. Nealis of bills for sanitary work performed in various schools during the year 1895. (See Minutes, 1897, p. 293, and Journal, 1897, p. 1248.)

Laid over for further consideration.

From the Borough Superintendent of Schools submitting an analysis of the Quarterly Report of Inspectors of the Ninth School District.

Ordered, That the communication be referred to the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for a report.

Communication from Mrs. M. G. Van Rensselaer, President of the Public Education Association, asking in behalf of the Executive Council of that Association, for permission to have opened during the summer months for the use of children and their mothers, such portions of Public School buildings in the crowded districts of the city, as may furnish safe and quiet places for rest and recreation.

Laid over.

Public School 60.—From Thomas R. Brown, Janitor, asking for an extension of two weeks from March 15, 1898, of the time allowed him to move to quarters near the school, on account of the continued illness of his wife. (See Minutes, p. 104.)

Commissioner HURLBUT moved that the request be granted.

Adopted.

Public School 56.—The Superintendent of School Buildings respectfully reported having notified the Janitor to move into premises No. 357 West Eighteenth street, owned by the Board, on or before April 1, 1898, and that his rent allowance of $312 per annum would be discontinued from that date.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the action of the Superintendent

be approved and the rent allowance apportioned to this Janitor, discontinued from April 1, 1898.

Adopted.

Public Schools 96 and 151.—From the Committee on Studies relative to use to be made of Janitors' apartments in these schools. (See Minutes, p. 82.)

PUBLIC SCHOOL 96.—A communication was received from the Committee on Studies, recommending that the Janitor's apartments in this building be fitted up as a teachers' library.

Ordered, That the recommendation of the Committee on Studies be approved.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 151.—Communication was received from the Committee on Studies recommending that the Janitor's rooms be so arranged as to make two classrooms, and fitted up for the accommodation of two Kindergarten classes.

Ordered, That the matter be laid over and referred to the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for a report.

Public School 121.—From William E. McCord, asking in behalf of a Committee of which he is a member, that the playground space in rear of this school be opened to the children of the neighborhood as early as possible, offering to supply competent teachers, etc., if the Borough Board will grant $500 to equip the place with sheds, swings, sand piles, etc.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the item be dropped from the Calendar and Mr. McCord notified that while this Committee sympathizes with the efforts of all citizens to better the condition of the children of the City, yet there are no funds at the disposal of the Board for the purposes suggested.

Adopted.

From the Inspectors of the Twenty-seventh School District, asking that five hundred camp chairs be furnished to P. S. 103; a mirror placed over piano in Kindergarten, P. S. 123; walls of a room in P. S. 24 painted, etc., etc.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that some of the improvements suggested by the Inspectors had been made while the remainder would receive attention as soon as possible.

Ordered, That the Inspectors be notified of the facts in the case.

Mixed High School.—Report from F. C. Cheney, Furniture Inspector, stating that the Richmond School Furniture Co. had sent irons to the building for the purpose of replacing some that were broken, and the Janitor had refused to allow the man who delivered them to enter the building to put them in place or to leave the irons. They were consequently left in P. S. 90.

Mr. Buscall, representative of the Richmond School Furniture Co., and Mr. Charles D. Gulliford, Janitor of the school, were present and heard.

Upon motion of Mr. LITTLE, Mr. Gulliford was reprimanded by the Chairman and fined three days' pay.

From James P. Haney, Supervisor of Manual Training, asking that the Supervisors' Room, No. 146 Grand street, be supplied with a bookcase with doors.

Mr. HURLBUT moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Supplies of the Borough Board.

Adopted.

Public School 155.—From James P. Haney, Supervisor of Manual Training, transmitting a request from the Principal for one dozen hard wood chairs for workshop, and recommending that request be granted.

Laid over.

From I. Chester G. Wilkens, Assistant Draughtsman, asking to be excused for absence from duty with pay, from March 10th to 19th, 1898, on account of acute inflammation of the eyes, and submitting a doctor's certificate.

Mr. HURLBUT moved that the absence of Mr. Wilkens for the time mentioned, be excused with pay.

Adopted.

Public School 90.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of living apartments having been altered for school purposes.

Public School 99.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of new Annex to care for.

Public School 107.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of additional yard and floor space to care for.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that according to the By-Laws, these Janitors were entitled to an increase in their salaries as follows:

School.	Annual Salary.	Increase.	To take effect.
P. S. 90.	$3,562.	$ 65.	Feb. 1, 1898.
P. S. 99.	1,092.	338.	" "
P. S. 107.	1,443.	130.	" "

Granted.

Public School 32.—The Superintendent reported having excused the Janitor from duty for a few hours on Wednesday, March 23d, 1898, to attend a funeral.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Boys' High School.—The Superintendent reported having excused the Janitor from duty for a few hours on March 24th, 1898, to answer a subpœna of the U. S. Court.

Mr. HURLBUT moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 137.—Application from the Janitor to be excused from absence on March 17th, 18th and 19th, 1898, on account of illness.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the absence of this Janitor for the three days mentioned, be excused with pay.

Public Schools 105 and 151.—From P. J. Walsh, contractor for the erection of new school buildings, making application for the balance of moneys due on contracts; also for an extension of time in each case.

Dr. McSweeny moved that an extension of time on the above contracts be granted to this date, and the final payments released.

Adopted.

Public School 110.—The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that the Janitor of this school reported on March 24th, a case of scarlet fever in his family. He was notified to hold no communication with his home until he could provide a doctor's certificate showing no further danger of contagion.

Mr. Little moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 15.—Application from Cornelius Clifford, Janitor, for a leave of absence of three weeks from the 30th of March, to visit England on important business.

Dr. McSweeny moved that Mr. Clifford be excused from duty for three weeks as requested, as he has been in the service for thirty-seven years and done satisfactory work. His son, whom he has not seen in ten years, is to be ordained in London during Easter week, and he wishes to visit England on that account. He has a trustworthy assistant whom he will leave in charge, and the school will be closed during Easter week.

Adopted.

Public School 73.—The Superintendent reported that the former Janitor, Thomas W. Reilly, was taken ill on January 15th, 1898, and unable to attend to his duties after that date to his death, February 7th, 1898. He was paid on the payroll for January, 15/30 of monthly salary, $141, or $70.50, and on payroll for February, 7/30 or $32.90. Mrs. Emily Reilly, his widow, *took charge* of the building until the present Janitor was installed

on February 21st, who received on the payroll for February 8/30 of monthly salary, or $37.60. He therefore recommended that Mr. Reilly's absence be excused from January 16th to 31st, 1898, and Mrs. Emily Reilly paid the following:

January, 15/30 of $141, ...	$70.50
February, 15/30 of $141, ...	70.50
	$141.00

Dr. McSweeny moved that the sum of $141 be allowed Mrs. Reilly, and a report presented to the Borough Board asking for the necessary appropriation to pay bill.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings presented the following report:

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

Gentlemen: We have upon the payroll to-day forty-seven Draughtsmen and thirty-one Inspectors who are paid from the account of proceeds of "Bonds for the erection of New School Buildings, etc." It has been customary heretofore to have an appropriation made every six months, the last having been made from November 1st, 1897, to May 1st, 1898, inclusive.

Being under the impression that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will not sanction the further sale of bonds at present, I beg to say that the present total amount of appropriation will expire May 1st and leave us without funds to pay either Draughtsmen or Inspectors. We have, since February 1st, finished plans for four school buildings and one addition to an old school building and have others in various stages of completion. Owing to the fact that the Board of Estimate has not disposed of the contracts for three new buildings, together with eleven contracts for heating, ventilating and furnishing, which have been in their hands since February 1st, it would seem questionable, in my mind, whether it would be wise to proceed further with plans at this time.

If the total appropriation for the current six months is ex-

Public School 127.—C. Roehr & Sons. Furniture, Item II; dated August 6, 1897; extended to February 23, 1898.

Public School 156.—Frank Dobson. Heating and ventilating; dated July 31, 1897; extended to March 9, 1898.

Public School 156.—Harry McNally. Erecting new school building; dated December 16, 1896; extended to March 18, 1898.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that in signing the final payment on order on contract of the New Jersey School-Church Furniture Co., amounting to $161.33 (see Minutes, p. 177) there should have been 30 cents additional allowed, as this is the final payment on the contract, and there still remains 30 cents due, and recommended that action be rescinded.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action taken by this Committee on March 14, 1898, be rescinded.

Adopted.

The Committee approved and signed the following final payments:

Final payment on orders on contract of the New Jersey School-Church Furniture Co. New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item III, $161.63—

P. S. 10, . .	$41 64	(which includes 30 cents still due on contract).
P. S. 100, .	119 99	
	$161 63	

Public School 25.—William Horne. Improving new lots and premises, etc., ... $795 00

Public School 61.—McArtney & Priore (assigned to Joseph Priore), Alterations, etc., . . 2,750 00

Public School 93.—Narragansett Machine Co. Furniture, Item III, ... 845 00

Public School 99.—The Manhattan Supply Co. Furniture, Item I, ... 373 70

Public School 127.—C. Roehr & Sons. Furniture, Item II, ... 375 00

Public School 156.—Frank Dobson. Heating, ventilating, etc., ... 2,320 00

Public School 156.—Harry McNally. Erecting new building, ... 12,900 00

Final payment on order on contract of the Richmond School Furniture Company. New Furniture, Old School Buildings, Item II.—

P. S. 55, ...	$51 24

Final payment on orders on contract of C. H. Brown. New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item I., $17.32.—

P. S. 18, ...	$2 04
P. S. 41, ...	2 04
P. S. 83, Annex, ...	13 24
	$17 32

Manhattan Supply Co. Supplying Safety Appliances for protection of Janitors while cleaning windows, . $1,883.00.

Final payment on orders on contract of C. H. Brown for New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item I., $53.64.—

P. S. 3, ...	$1 76
P. S. 19, ...	6 00
P. S. 35, ...	30 60
P. S. 36, ...	13 24
P. S. 129, ...	2 04
	$53 64

Final payment on order on contract of the Richmond School Furniture Co., for New Furniture for Old School Buildings, Item II.—

P. S. 90, ...	$27 50

The Committee opened the following bids:

Public School 116.—Alterations, etc., enlarging playground.

Murnane & Co.,	$800 00
William Horne,	815 00
Jones & O'Connor,	949 00

The award was made to the lowest bidders as follows:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.		
1051.	P. S. 116—Murnane & Co.,	$800 00

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon, and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid.

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.			
1008.	P. S.	2—Glazing, chart molding, etc.,	$85 00
1009.	"	5—Repairs to iron gate,	15 50
1010.	"	6—Removing defective flush pipes,	12 00
1011.	"	10—Adjustable window shades,	345 60
1012.	"	12—Repairing piano cover, etc.,	6 25
1013.	"	14—Glazing,	3 60
1014.	"	17—Repairing skylight, locks, etc.,	27 00
1015.	"	21—Alterations to Janitor's apartments,	395 00
1016.	"	23—Wardrobes,	28 20
1017.	"	25—Faucets,	40 00
1018.	"	28—Repairs, etc., fence walls,	74 00
1019.	"	34—Slate blackboards,	17 75
1020.	"	34—Strengthening fence, etc.,	13 00
1021.	"	37—New sinks and repairs,	260 00
1022.	"	41—Repairs to furniture,	24 50
1023.	"	42—Gong, speaking tubes, etc.,	360 00
1024.	"	43—Repairs doors, windows, etc.,	31 00
1025.	"	45—Repairs to roof,	6 00
1026.	"	54—Ball cock,	8 00
1027.	"	61—Catch basins, etc.,	73 00
1028.	"	72—Supply closets,	63 00

1029.	P. S.	75—New seats for water closets, . .	$48 00
1030.	"	78—Catch basins, Janitor's water closets, etc., ...	180 00
1031.	"	79—Repairs, doors, etc., . . .	17 00
1032.	"	84—Repairs to iron gate, . . .	5 00
1033.	"	85—Re-arranging desks and seats, .	47 00
1034.	"	85—Repairs to doors, etc., . . .	53 00
1035.	"	90—Venetian blinds, ...	12 50
1036.	"	90—Repairs to fence, etc., . . .	7 00
1037.	"	95—Venetian blinds, ...	14 50
1038.	"	95—Sanitary repairs, ...	31 00
1039.	"	100—Draining playroom floor, . .	80 00
1040.	"	103—Water heater, sanitary repairs, etc.,	124 00
1041.	"	103—Repairs to furnace, . . .	116 85
1042.	"	103—Glass, chains, bells, etc., . .	20 00
1043.	"	110—Repairing leaks, etc., . . .	13 25
1044.	"	123—Louvres, etc., ...	46 00
1045.	"	127—Electric gong, ...	15 00
1046.	"	135—Drinking sinks, etc., . . .	220 00
1047.	"	143—Repairs to doors, etc., . . .	10 00
1048.	"	152—Cellar drainer, sink, etc., . .	235 00
1049.	Girls' High School—New wardrobes . .		45 00
1050.	Mirrors for Kindergarten Schools, . . .		100 00

Granted.

The Superintendent asked that appropriations be made to pay the following bills, issued on verbal orders by his authority, or where prices are fixed:

HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS, CHANGES AND REPAIRS OF. ACCOUNT OF 1897.

App. No.		
169.	Herrmann & Grace, December 28, 1897—Wire guards over valves, etc., P. S. 14, . .	$78 00
170.	Herrmann & Grace, December 30, 1897—Closing up ventilators, etc., P. S. 154, . .	19 50

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS, REPAIRS.
ACCOUNT OF 1897.

App. No.		
4351.	John Ford, Jan. 2, 1897—Gas fitting, P. S. 11,	$1 48
4352.	L. N. Schumacher, Nov. 29, 1897—Cleaning and repairing clock, P. S. 42. . . .	1 50
4353.	L. N. Schumacher, Nov. 12, 1897—Cleaning and repairing clock, P. S. 130, . . .	2 50
4354.	Henry A. Roth, Dec. 11, 1897—Repairing leak, etc., P. S. 25, ...	7 92
4355.	Henry A. Roth, Dec. 20, 1897—Repairing water closet, etc.. P. S. 25, . . .	5 53
4356.	Zimdars & Hunt, Dec. 31, 1897—Removing shelf, recharging batteries, etc., P. S. 54, .	15 40
4357.	Henry Reubert, Dec. 24, 1897—Tuning piano, etc., P. S. 69, ...	1 75
4358.	New York and Westchester Water Co., April 1, 1897, to Jan. 1, 1898—Supplying water to P. S. 100, ...	75 00
4359.	Peter Schweickert, Dec. 3, 1897—Lowering water service pipe, P. S. 118, . . .	20 37
4360.	John Kennedy, May 29, 1897—Bracing fence, etc., P. S. 146, ...	8 76
4361.	Evans, Almirall & Co., Jan. 20, 1898—Repairing boiler and radiator connections, P. S. 162,	35 16
4362.	Jas. Curran Mfg. Co., Jan. 20, 1897—Repairing return pipes, P. S. 33, ...	4 13
4363.	Geo. A. Haggerty, Dec. 22, 1897—Electric bells, etc., P. S. 6, ...	7 54

BUILDINGS CONTINGENT FUND. ACCOUNT OF 1897.

App. No.		
889.	Bernard Lynch, Dec. 31, 1897—Carting radiators, etc., from storehouse to P. S. 19, .	$55 00
890.	J. Warren Mead, Agent and Warden of Auburn Prison, Oct. 18, 1897—Furniture for Truant School, ...	3 00
891.	J. Warren Mead, Agent and Warden of Auburn *Prison*, Nov. 6/23, 1897—Furniture for *Truant* School, ...	58 24

General Repair Fund, account of January, 1898, provided for in appropriations made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

App. No.		
400.	A. Hafelin, Jan. 21, 1898—Tuning piano, etc., P. S. 41, ...	$1 75
401.	Charles Lurch, Jan. 15, 1898—Tuning pianos, Boys' High School, ...	3 75
402.	Thos. McKeown, Jan. 27, 1898—Sash cord, etc., Boys' High School, ...	5 82
403.	A. C. Manning & Co., Jan. 3, 1898—One Igniter complete, P. S. 54, . . .	19 90
404.	Jos. W. O'Brien, Jan. 28, 1898—Clearing Boys' water closet range, P. S. 44, . . .	2 80

Mr. HURLBUT moved that the bills be approved and appropriations made.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LITTLE and MCSWEENY—4.

The Minutes of the meeting of March 28th were amended on page 189, 4th and 12th lines from the top by striking out the figures "151" and inserting "161."

The Superintendent of School Buildings called attention to an error which was made in his report on Public School 71, found on page 186 of the Minutes, stating that at the time the report was written he was unaware that the lots in question were in possession of the Board, but has since learned that title to No. 607 East Sixth street, and 20 feet off the rear of lots Nos. 603, 605–609, was obtained on January 3d, 1898.

Ordered, That the Minutes be amended in accordance with the report of the Superintendent.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the Minutes of the meeting of March 28th, as amended, be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 151.—Communication from E. Rutzler, contractor for heating, etc., new school building, Ninety-first street and First avenue, stating that in his opinion the Janitor is incompetent to care for the apparatus in the building. (See Minutes, pp. 99, 115, 123, 160 and 181.)

Laid over.

Public School 5.—From Superintendent Jasper relative to use of portion of playground for classrooms, etc., etc. (See Minutes, pp. 130, 162 and 183.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 6.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth School District, asking to be informed if it is the intention to erect an addition to contain a kindergarten and kitchen on lots now being acquired in the rear of the school on Eighty-sixth street. (See Minutes, pp. 108, 116, 125, 162 and 183.)

Laid over by request of the Chairman.

Public School 41.—Communication from the Board of Inspectors of the Eleventh School District, requesting that the premises adjoining the school on the north, now in possession of the Board, be improved for classrooms, kindergarten, manual training, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 128, 163 and 184.)

A report was received from the Committee on Studies approving the recommendations of the Borough Superintendent of Schools in reference to an addition to contain six classrooms on the property in question, providing it will not interfere with the light and ventilation of the main building.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Borough Board referring the matter to the Board of Education, and calling attention to the great necessity for this addition.

Public School 29.—From the Inspectors of the First School District recommending that one more of the rooms in the G. D. be divided by partitions; that a kindergarten be provided, and if necessary, an additional story erected. (See Minutes, pp. 164 and 184.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

High Schools.—Communication from the Committee on High Schools, relative to buildings to be leased for temporary High Schools (See Minutes, pp. 138, 165 and 185.)

A further communication received this day from Committee on High Schools as follows:

"At a meeting of the Committee on High Schools held on April 1st, the following resolution was adopted:

"'*Resolved*, That this Committee recommend to the Committee on Sites and Buildings that the buildings, 59–67 West Tenth street and No. 735 East One hundred and forty-seventh street, be rented for the purpose of High School annexes, and be fitted up for that purpose so as to be in condition for use at the opening of the school year in September; and that the term of the lease be for one year with the privilege of a renewal for two years upon such terms that the appropriation asked for in the Budget shall be sufficient to defray the expense of rental and the fitting up of the buildings.'"

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the matter be laid over and the Chairman of the Committee on High Schools invited to be present at the next meeting.

Adopted.

Public School 71.—From the Inspectors of the Eighth School District, recommending that an annex to the school be erected. (See Minutes, pp. 167 and 186.)

A report was received from the Committee on Studies, stating that at a meeting held on March 29th, it was decided to recommend that an addition be erected on the Sixth street lot sufficiently large to accommodate six classrooms; also that the tenement on the east side of Public School 36 in East Ninth street, be secured for the purpose of obtaining light and air and for sanitary purposes. Further, that a site for a new school building be secured in this neighborhood, in order to relieve the crowded condition of Public Schools 36 and 71.

Laid over.

Letter from Jacob A. Riis, referred from the Committee on Studies. (See Minutes, pp. 172 and 187.)

Laid over.

Public School 34.—Communication from the Department of Health, relative to condition of vacant lots adjoining the school, No. 25 Sheriff street and 24½ Willett street. (See Minutes, pp. 134 and 187.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that a copy of the resolution presented by the Committee on By-Laws and Legislation to the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, was laid before the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education at a meeting held on the 28th ult., and the matter referred to him to have the necessary work done, and report back to that Committee, so that some action may be taken against the contractor and sureties to recover the cost, etc. (See Journal, Borough Board, pp. 405, 406.)

Ordered, That the item be dropped from the Calendar.

Statement from William T. Nealis of bills for sanitary work performed in various schools during the year 1895. (See Minutes, 1898, p. 188; Minuutes, Com. on B'ldgs, 1896, pp. 95, 195 and 205; Minutes, 1897, p. 293; Journal, 1897, p. 1248.)

Ordered, That as this matter was again brought up by a communication addressed to Mr. Maclay, it be referred to the Chairman to report the facts in the case to him and state that the matter is now before the Committee on Finance, of which he is a member.

Public School 8.—Report from the Inspectors of the Ninth School District recommending that as soon as title to property adjoining the school on the east is received, plans be immediately prepared for an addition. (See Minutes, p. 188.)

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings reported that this lot was being acquired to make provision for playgrounds, kindergarten, manual training, gymnasium, etc.

Ordered, That as the question of obtaining money to improve any more sites is now in doubt, the matter be laid over and taken up at the first meeting of this Committee in September.

Communication from Mrs. M. G. Van Rensselaer, President of

the Public Education Association, asking in behalf of the Executive Council of that Association, for permission to have opened during the summer months, for the use of children and their mothers, such portions of Public School buildings in the crowded districts of the City, as may furnish safe and quiet places for rest and recreation. (See Minutes, p. 188.)

Laid over.

Public School 155.—From James P. Haney, Supervisor of Manual Training, transmitting a request from the Principal for one dozen hard wood chairs for workshop, and recommending that request be granted. (See Minutes, p. 190.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that these chairs cost $2.00 each, either for a large or small quantity.

Laid over until the necessary funds are available.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that in accordance with authority given him at the last meeting of this Committee (see Minutes, pp. 193–195), he had laid off the following employees :

BOND ACCOUNT.

John G. Pfuhler,	Assistant	Draughtsman,	$7 50	per wk.
E. Gordon Hopper,	"	"	21 00	" "
James A. Hanley,	"	"	25 00	" "
G. M. Robinson,	"	"	15 00	" "
W. S. Layer,	"	"	10 00	" "
George Dession,	"	"	18 00	" "
Benjamin Steckler,	"	"	15 00	" "
Edward Riordan,	"	"	25 00	" "
Emil E. Campbell,	"	"	18 00	" "
B. W. Levitansky,	"	"	15 00	" "
F. W. Sherwin,	"	"	20 00	" "
Joseph T. Murphy,	"	"	18 00	" "
G. A. Wallstab,	"	"	20 00	" "
Carl Schreijag,	"	"	21 00	" "
Albin Voegel,	"	"	15 00	" "

Max O. Jordan,	Assistant Draughtsman,	10 00	per wk.
A. J. Sulina,	" "	20 00	" "
Antoine Lacroix,	" "	20 00	" "
B. F. Mitchell,	" "	25 00	" "
C. M. Sutton,	" "	25 00	" "
H. L. Rogers,	" "	15 00	" "
Louis Fick,	" "	10 00	" "
H. B. Van Benschoten,	" "	21 00	" "
Alfred P. Jacob,	" "	35 00	" "

HIGH SCHOOL BONDS.

William H. Roystone,	Assistant Draughtsman,	25 00	" "
Edwin A. Isles,	" "	15 00	" "
Wm. C. Greenawalt,	" "	25 00	" "
David McClelland,	" "	10 00	" "
John Guy.	Inspector on New Buildings,	$4 50	per day
August Peterson,	" " " "	4 00	" "
Jeremiah Clayton,	" " " "	4 50	" "
James T. Delanoy,	" " " "	4 50	" "
James W. Reed,	" " " "	4 50	" "
Henry J. Devlin,	" " " "	4 50	" "
James I. Mulligan,	" " " "	4 50	" "

He further reported that the services of Assistant Draughtsmen, Herman Behlan, $25 per week, and M. F. Duflocq, $20 per week, will not be required after the 16th inst., and services of E. L. Messenger, $25 per week, will not be required after the 9th inst.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Superintendent in laying off the above-named employees be approved and a report presented to the Borough Board stating the necessity therefor, etc.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following communication:

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: Mr. Alfred P. Jacob, Assistant Draughtsman, being dissatisfied with my notification to him of March 29, to the effect that his services would not be required after the 2d of this month, has been given the opportunity, should he so desire, to appeal to this Committee.

In support of my action in laying him off, I would respectfully state that Mr. Jacob was employed in 1894 as an Assistant Draughtsman, his specialty being iron and steel construction, upon which he was employed both in the office, and in the inspection of the work under construction outside, until the early part of 1897, when the work became so great that we were obliged to ask the Civil Service Commisson for an Iron and Steel Inspector, who was duly appointed and who has since had charge of the work outside, reporting the results of his inspection through Mr. Jacob, the latter having in the meantime been engaged in the Draughting Rooms.

My decision was founded entirely upon the fact that the work had reached such a stage that by the retention of a few of the Draughtsmen, the plans could be put in such a condition that they might be laid aside without detriment and the completion of the designing of the steel work for the Girls' High School could go over for the present, as we shall not receive title to the ground until next October, giving us ample time to take up the work in the future, especially as the foreman of this division will leave the service on the 19th inst. and will not return until the first of September.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed.) C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. Jacob was notified of the time of the meeting and signified his intention of attending same, but did not appear, and upon a search through the building, could not be found.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Hall of the Board of Education.—Communication from

Messrs. N. LeBrun & Sons, Architects, stating that they had interviewed the Harlem Railroad authorities relative to the tunnel approach which encroaches on the sidewalk at the site of the new Hall, and will soon be able to report what alterations to plans will be necessary. (See Minutes, pp. 168 and 186.)

Laid over.

Public School 70.—Communication from the Principal of the school asking whether or not it is the duty of the Janitor to clean ink wells, when requested by Principal to have the same attended to, stating that Mr. Bernard Byrne declines to do so, claiming it is no part of his duty.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that this is not covered by any of the rules governing Janitors.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the matter be referred to the Superintendent to reply to the communication.

Publ'c School 57.—From the Principals of the school, asking that an annex in the rear be erected on the lots in One hundred and fourteenth street, to accommodate the children now attending the G. D. and P. D. and to give facilities for manual training, etc., etc.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that No. 171 East One hundred and fourteenth street is now owned by the City, while Nos. 169 and 173 are being acquired.

Ordered, That the matter be laid over and taken up when title to Nos. 169 and 173 East One hundred and fourteenth street is vested in the City.

Public School 34.—Communication from the President of the Board of Education, transmitting a communication from Hon. Thomas J. Bradley, M. C., asking permission to use one of the school rooms in this building for holding a competitive examination for young men in his District, who may be desirous of entering the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the request be granted.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings presented an opinion received from the Counsel to the Corporation which stated that any suit brought to inforce the provisions of a contract entered into by the various School Boards and the Board of Education, must be brought by the Board of Education, not by the School Board for the Borough in which the particular property is located.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the communication be placed on file.

Adopted.

Public School 150.—Bill of John H. Fagan for services as acting Janitor for the month of March, 1896, $99.00.

The Superintendent stated that no permanent Janitor had yet been appointed for this school. Mr. Fagan, Janitor of Public School 109, is still in charge and therefore entitled to payment for his services at the rate of $99 per payment, the regular salary of the position.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the bill be approved and a report presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation.

Adopted.

Public School 117.—Communication from Rev. F. Tetreau, relative to small building belonging to the school which encroaches upon the property of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, East Seventy-sixth street, calling attention to the fact that the building should be removed during the coming vacation, as promised. (See Minutes, 1897, pp. 567, 576, 600 and 627, Jol. 1897, p. 2107.)

Ordered, That the Rev. F. Tetreau be notified that it is the intention of this Committee to have the building in question removed during the early part of vacation, as promised some months ago.

Public School 119.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported having excused the Janitor from duty for a few hours on April 1st, 1898, on account of a death in his family.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

The Superintendent recommended that the following Assistant Draughtsmen be excused for absence on account of personal illness:

A. H. Hallock,	1½	days.
J. D. McAuliffe,	3½	"
S. J. Munro,	2	"
E. L. Middleton,	2	"
G. M. Robinson,	1½	"
J. T. Murphy,	11	"
A. J. Sulina,	4	"

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the above named Draughtsmen be excused with pay.

Adopted.

Application from R. W. Rodman, Sanitary Inspector, to be excused for absence from March 16th to 25th, 1898, on account of an injury received at P. S. 137 while making an inspection of work.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that Mr. Rodman be excused for the time stated, and a report presented to the Board suspending the By-Laws.

Adopted.

Public School 42.—From the Committee on Studies endorsing recommendations of the Borough Superintendent of Schools, that the position of desks in rooms 30, 33 and 40, F. D., be changed in order to secure the safety of the children.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the matter be referred to the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for a report.

Adopted.

Public School 153.—From the Committee on Studies endorsing the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent of Schools, that in this building eight classrooms be prepared for children of the first three years and six rooms for children of *the last four years.*

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the recommendations of the Committee on Studies be approved.

Adopted.

The following report was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings:

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN – As a matter of information I beg to report that the amount of money required to complete buildings now under construction ready for occupancy will be as follows:

Twenty buildings under process of construction, of which eleven require to have contracts for heating and ventilating let, which will amount to $235,585, while all of the number will require to have contracts for furniture let, amounting to $252,560. The total seating accommodation of these twenty buildings will be 30,220, figuring on a basis of 45 pupils to each classroom.

There are at present before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment contracts for heating, ventilating and furnishing school buildings, which will add 4,950 sittings to the list, making a total of 35,170 sittings, exclusive of the three new school buildings and one addition, contracts for which have been let and are now before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, which will afford accommodations for 5,985 pupils.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that a report be presented to the Board with the request that a copy of the above communication be forwarded to the Board of Education for such action as may be deemed advisable.

Adopted.

Mr. S. V. Tsanoff appeared before the Committee and was heard in regard to being permitted to use the playgrounds in some of the public schools during vacation for recreation grounds for the children of the City.

Ordered, That the matter be laid over.

Public School 161.—Communication from the Committee on Studies recommending that the Janitor's rooms be so arranged as to make two classrooms and fitted up for the accommodation of two Kindergarten classes. (See Minutes, pp. 82 and 189.)

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings reported that in his opinion the south front room should be used for a Kindergarten class, while the north front room should be altered to afford additional playground space and an exit.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the recommendations of the Deputy Superintendent be approved and a report presented to the Borough Board requesting the Board of Education to have the necessary alterations made.

Public School 157.—McCabe Brothers, contractors. The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that the contract time for the completion of this building expires June 10th, 1898, and that for the last two months work has been virtually abandoned, there being employed but from two to four bricklayers and the same number of laborers. It was stated before this Committee some few weeks since, that the contractors had become financially embarrassed through liens filed on other work, but it was expected that some agreement would be reached by which the school building could be carried out without further delay, but apparently these expectations were not realized.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the contractors and their sureties be notified that unless some immediate steps are taken to push this work to completion, the matter will be laid before the Board of Education, with the request that steps be taken to cancel the contract. Further, that the next meeting of this Committee will be held on April 11th, at 3.30 P. M.

Adopted.

The Chairman reported having made appropriations as follows from "Buildings Contingent Fund, Account of 1897," on Janitors' orders:

Appropriations Nos. 892–896, inclusive, 5 bills, aggregating, ... $26.91

Mr. Eustis moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The Committee granted an extension of time on the following contracts:

Public School 31.—Dowling & Tomback (assigned to Dimock & Fink Co.). Sanitary, etc., signed July 16, 1897; extended to March 28, 1898.

Public School 99.—Frank Dobson. Heating, etc., signed July 31, 1897; extended to March 29, 1898.

The Committee approved and signed the following final payments:

Public School 31.—Dowling & Tomback (assigned to Dimock & Fink Co.). Sanitary, etc.,	.	$1,107
" " **99.**—Frank Dobson. Heating, etc.,	.	923
" " **105.**—P. J. Walsh. Erecting new building, (See Minutes, p. 192).	. . . . .	1,800
" " **151.**—P. J. Walsh. Erecting new building, (See Minutes, p. 192).	. . . .	1,800

The Committee signed the following payrolls:

Assistant Draughtsmen, New Buildings for the month of March, ...	$4,250 25
Assistant Draughtsmen, High Schools, month of March, ...	585 00
Assistant Draughtsmen, New Buildings (April 1st and 2d), ...	133 83
Assistant Draughtsmen, High Schools (April 1st and 2d), ...	24 99
Inspectors, New Buildings, for one week ending April 2d, ...	840 00

The Committee opened the following bids:

Public School 74.—Alterations to Janitor's quarters.

Murnane & Co.,	$850
Wm. Horne,	975
Wm. W. Luyster,	973
W. & W. F. Crockett,	1,380

The award was made to the lowest bidders, as follows:

App. No.		
1124.	Public School 74.—Murnane & Co.,	$850 00

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.			
1080.	Public School	1.—Repairing furniture,	$21 00
1081.	" "	6.—Slate blackboards, etc.,	197 00
1082.	" "	10.—Repairs to door checks and bell,	24 00
1083.	" "	10.—Repairs to bells,	60 00
1084.	" "	14.—New closets, repairs, etc.,	147 00
1085.	" "	15.—Repairs to roof,	12 00
1086.	" "	16.—Repairs to door, etc.,	7 00
1087.	" "	22.—Repairs to Venetian blinds,	20 00
1088.	" "	23.—Slate and alterations to furniture,	51 00
1089.	" "	23.—Repairs to doors, locks, etc.,	33 00
1090.	" "	23.—Repairs to Venetian blinds,	17 50
1091.	" "	24.—Alterations to skylight,	20 00
1092.	" "	26.—Repairs to gate, etc.,	14 00
1093.	" "	30.—Slate blackboards,	14 00
1094.	" "	30.—Signs, checks, etc.,	39 00
1095.	" "	31.—Repairs to furniture,	24 00
1096.	" "	32.—Locks and keys,	11 50
1097.	" "	33.—Repairs to leader,	20 00
1098.	" "	39.—Slate blackboards,	13 00

App. No.

1099.	Public School 54.—Repairs to bells, . .	$45 00
1100.	" " 56.—Repairs to roof, Janitor's house, ...	18 50
1101.	" " 56.—Window bars, . . .	12 00
1102.	" " 58.—Repairs to doors and locks,	16 00
1103.	" " 59.—Gongs, speaking tubes, etc.,	362 00
1104.	" " 60.—Repairs to furniture and Venetian blinds, . . .	14 00
1105.	" " 61.—Bookclosets, . . .	73 00
1106.	" " 65.—Repairs to floors, . .	29 00
1107.	" " 66.—Halyards, ...	7 00
1108.	" " 69.—Repairs to doors, panels, etc.,	25 00
1109.	" " 82.—Chart molding, . . .	37 50
1110.	" " 89.—Wardrobes, . . .	35 00
1111.	" " 93.—Footrests, ...	37 00
1112.	" " 95.—Repairs to doors, fence, etc.	18 00
1113.	" " 99.—Repairs to gate, . . .	18 00
1114.	" " 125.—Curtains, ...	29 00
1115.	" " 128.—Alterations to skylight, .	78 00
1116.	" " 135.—Repairs, door checks, etc., .	11 00
1117.	" " 151.—Wardrobe, molding, etc., .	94 00
1118.	" " 154.—Repairs to doors, locks, etc.	35 00
1119.	" " 154.—Drip board in cullinary room	17 00
1120.	Mixed High School. — Handrail, re-numbering doors, etc., ...	45 00
1121.	Mixed High School.—Repairs to doors, floors, etc.	31 00
1122.	Cooking Schools.—Slate blackboards, . .	28 00
1123.	Sal-ammoniac, 1,000 pounds for bell batteries, .	100 00

Granted.

The Superintendent asked that appropriations be made to pay the following bills, issued by his authority, or where prices are fixed, etc.

BUILDINGS' CONTINGENT FUND. ACCOUNT OF 1896.

App. No.

279.	Lord & Taylor.—Dec. 8, '96. Window shades, P. S. 42, ...	$3 25

BUILDINGS' CONTINGENT FUND. ACCOUNT OF 1897.

App. No.

897. F. W. Gerlich.—Oct. 29, '97. Repairing closets, etc., P. S. 72, . . . $2 45

898. James Fay.—Nov. 5, '97. Clearing pipe, etc., P. S. 37, ... 7 39

899. L. N. Schumacher.—Nov. 23, '97. Repairing clock, P. S. 21, . . 2 50

900. Baker, Smith & Co.—Mar. 17, '97. Steam jet, P. S. 103, . . . 1 49

GENERAL REPAIR FUND. ACCOUNT OF JANUARY, 1898.

App. No.

405. Geo. Fox's Sons.—Jan. 3, '98. Repairing boiler, P. S. 13, ... $10 92

406. A. & B. Kleinberg.—Jan. 13, '98. Glazing, P. S. 76, ... 4 84

407. L. N. Schumacher.—Jan. 10, '98. Repairing clocks, P. S. 114, . . 5 00

408. Geo. W. Tompkins.—Jan. 22, '98. Repairing wardrobe doors, P. S. 64. 5 00

The Superintendent asked that appropriations be made from General Repair Fund, for verbal orders issued by his authority or where prices are fixed.

App. No.

1125. American Store Stool Co.—Feb. 2, '98. Roll-top desk and chair, Hall of Board, . . . $40 60

1126. Blake & Williams.—Feb. 3, '98. Repairs to radiators, P. S. 10, . . 9 75

1127. " " Feb. 3, 4, '98. Repairs to radiators, etc., P. S. 9, . 22 88

1128. " " Feb. 25, '98. Galvanized iron screens, P. S. 154. . 13 70

1129. Thos. Brady.—Feb. 19, '98. Repairing gas leaks, P. S. 19, ... 8 30

1130. " " Feb. 19, '98. Repairing gas leaks, P. S. 25, ... 3 00

App. No.

1131. John Buchanan.—Feb. 12, '98. Cleaning gas lines, etc., P. S. 94, . . $6 00

1132. The Carpenter Metal Sash Guard Co.—March 15, '98. Sash guard, 585 Broadway, . . 2 45

1133. Cassidy & Son Mfg. Co.—Feb. 28, '98. Gas pendant, P. S. 85, ... 7 00

1134. Geo. H. Coppers.—Feb. 18, '98. Gas fitting, P. S. 162, . . . 2 50

1135. Matthew J. Crowley.—Feb. 2, '98. Repairing W. C., P. S. 54, . 5 80

1136. " " Feb. 7, '98. Repairing W. C., Ann., P. S. 54, 11 93

1737. Frank Dobson.—Feb. 3, '98. Repairs, heating apparatus, P. S. 116, . . 13 27

1138. " " Feb. 16, '98. Repairs, heating apparatus, P. S. 70, . . 9 23

1139. " " Feb. 16, '98. Repairs, heating apparatus, P. S. 141, . . 10 35

1140. " " Feb. 5, '98. Repairs, heating apparatus, P. S. 117, . . 23 95

1141. " " Feb. 18, 20, '98. Repairs, heating apparatus, P. S. 6, . 39 93

1142. " " Feb. 24, 26, '98. Repairs, heating apparatus, P. S. 116, . 23 45

1143. " " Feb. 5, '98. Repairs, heating apparatus, P. S. 6, . . 11 40

1144. Geo. Fox's Sons.—Feb. 5, 6, '98. Repairing boiler, etc., P. S. 12, . 96 04

1145. " " " Feb. 7, '98. Repairing boiler, etc., P. S. 44, . . . 20 38

1146. " " " Feb. 16,-18, 98. Repairing boiler, etc., P. S. 23, . 28 39

1147. Louis Fuchslocher. — Mar. 4, '98. Repairing stoves, P. S. 137, . . 7 70

1148. Henry Gennerich.—Feb. 1, '98. Putting up stoves, P. S. 40, . . 5 00

App. No.

1149. P. Greene.—Feb. 5, '98. Thawing out closet, P. S. 117, ... $4 50
1150. " " Feb. 3, '98. Sanitary repairs, P. S. 6, ... 7 68
1151. T. Greenlees.—Feb. 12, '98. Repairing ceiling, etc., P. S. 98, . . . 8 00
1152. A. Hafelin.—Feb. 5, '98. Tuning pianos, P. S. 87, 3 75
1153. " Feb. 12, '98. " " P.S. 5, 2 50
1154. " Feb. 17, '98. " piano, P.S. 127, 1 25
1155. " Feb. 19, '98. " " P.S. 94, 1 25
1156. " Feb. 28, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 37, ... 1 25
1157. " Feb. 23, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 58, ... 1 25
1158. " Feb. 28, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 141, ... 4 25
1159. " Mar. 2, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 89, ... 2 50
1160. " Mar. 1, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 69, ... 1 25
1161. " Mar. 4, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 32, ... 2 50
1162. " Mar. 7, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 46, ... 1 25
1163. " Mar. 15, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 123, ... 1 25
1164. " Mar. 9, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 18, ... 1 25
1165. " Mar. 10, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 119, ... 1 25
1166. " Mar. 17, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 26, ... 1 25
1167. " Mar. 11, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 43, ... 2 50
1168. " Mar. 11, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 58, ... 1 25

App. No.		
1169.	A. Hafelein—Mar. 19, 1898.—Tuning piano, etc., P. S. 5, . . .	$2 25
1170.	Hardman, Peck & Co., Feb. 11, 1898.—Moving piano from P. S. 85 to P. S. 133, . .	6 00
1171.	Herrmann & Grace, Feb. 16, 1898.—Cleaning boiler chimney, etc., P. S. 44, ...	10 25
1172.	" Feb. 19, 1898.—Repairing dampers, etc., P. S. 10, .	12 45
1173.	The Higgins Heating and Ventilating Co., Feb. 2, 1898.—Repairs Heating Apparatus, P.S. 18,	49 98
1174.	L. Hubner, Feb. 12, 1898.—Tuning piano, etc., P. S. 42, ...	1 75
1175.	" Feb. 5, 7, 1898.—Repairs piano, etc., P. S. 4, ...	9 00
1176.	" Feb. 16, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 131, ...	1 25
1177.	" Feb. 19, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 136, ...	1 25
1178.	" Feb. 22, 1898.—Tuning piano, etc., P. S. 75, ...	3 00
1179.	" Mar. 14, 1898.—Tuning piano, etc., P. S. 92, ...	1 75
1180.	" Mar. 17, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 7, ...	1 25
1181.	" Mar. 19, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 13, ...	1 25
1182.	Geo W. Hudson, Feb. 3, 1898.—Repairing valve, etc., P. S. 138, ...	5 60
1183.	Frank Jeckel, Mar. 2, 1898.—Glazing, etc, P. S. 94, ...	11 00
1184.	M. Kite, Feb. 23, 1898.—Glazing, P. S. 77, .	5 40
1185.	P. Kolman, Feb. 2, 1898.—Glazing, P. S. 27,	4 45
1186.	Wm. Lohmann, Feb. 5, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 83, . . .	2 50

App. No.			
1149.	P. Greene.—Feb. 5, '98. Thawing out closet, P. S. 117, ...		$4 50
1150.	" " Feb. 3, '98. Sanitary repairs, P. S. 6, ...		7 68
1151.	T. Greenlees.—Feb. 12, '98. Repairing ceiling, etc., P. S. 98, . . .		8 00
1152.	A. Hafelin.—Feb. 5, '98. Tuning pianos, P. S. 87,		3 75
1153.	" Feb. 12, '98. " " P.S. 5,		2 50
1154.	" Feb. 17, '98. " piano, P.S. 127,		1 25
1155.	" Feb. 19, '98. " " P.S. 94,		1 25
1156.	" Feb. 28, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 37, ...		1 25
1157.	" Feb. 23, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 58, ...		1 25
1158.	" Feb. 28, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 141, ...		4 25
1159.	" Mar. 2, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 89, ...		2 50
1160.	" Mar. 1, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 69, ...		1 25
1161.	" Mar. 4, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 32, ...		2 50
1162.	" Mar. 7, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 46, ...		1 25
1163.	" Mar. 15, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 123, ...		1 25
1164.	" Mar. 9, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 18, ...		1 25
1165.	" Mar. 10, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 119, ...		1 25
1166.	" Mar. 17, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 26, ...		1 25
1167.	" Mar. 11, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 43, ...		2 50
1168.	" Mar. 11, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 58, ...		1 25

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1169.	A. Hafelein—Mar. 19, 1898.—Tuning piano, etc., P. S. 5, . . .	$2 25
1170.	Hardman, Peck & Co., Feb. 11, 1898.—Moving piano from P. S. 85 to P. S. 133, . .	6 00
1171.	Herrmann & Grace, Feb. 16, 1898.—Cleaning boiler chimney, etc., P. S. 44, ...	10 25
1172.	" Feb. 19, 1898.—Repairing dampers, etc., P. S. 10, .	12 45
1173.	The Higgins Heating and Ventilating Co., Feb. 2, 1898.—Repairs Heating Apparatus, P.S. 18,	49 98
1174.	L. Hubner, Feb. 12, 1898.—Tuning piano, etc., P. S. 42, ...	1 75
1175.	" Feb. 5, 7, 1898.—Repairs piano, etc., P. S. 4, ...	9 00
1176.	" Feb. 16, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 131, ...	1 25
1177.	" Feb. 19, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 136, ...	1 25
1178.	" Feb. 22, 1898.—Tuning piano, etc., P. S. 75, ...	3 00
1179.	" Mar. 14, 1898.—Tuning piano, etc., P. S. 92, ...	1 75
1180.	" Mar. 17, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 7, ...	1 25
1181.	" Mar. 19, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 13, ...	1 25
1182.	Geo W. Hudson, Feb. 3, 1898.—Repairing valve, etc., P. S. 138, ...	5 60
1183.	Frank Jeckel, Mar. 2, 1898.—Glazing, etc, P. S. 94, ...	11 00
1184.	M. Kite, Feb. 23, 1898.—Glazing, P. S. 77, .	5 40
1185.	P. Kolman, Feb. 2, 1898.—Glazing, P. S. 27,	4 45
1186.	Wm. Lohmann, Feb. 5, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 83, . . .	2 50

App. No.			
1187.	Wm. Lohmann,	Feb. 8, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 96, . . .	$1 25
1188.	"	Feb. 9, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 59, . . .	2 50
1189.	"	Feb. 10, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 96, . . .	1 25
1190.	"	Feb. 10, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 96, . . .	1 25
1191.	"	Feb. 25, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 39, . . .	1 25
1192.	"	Feb. 17, 1898.—Tuning piano, etc., P. S. 70, . . .	1 75
1193.	"	Feb. 10, 1898.—Moving piano, P. S. 10, . . .	3 00
1194.	"	Feb. 4, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 78, . . .	1 25
1195.	"	Mar 3, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 74, ...	2 50
1196.	"	Mar. 5, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 77, ...	1 25
1197.	"	Mar. 18, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 53, ...	1 25
1198.	"	Mar. 16, '98.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 10, ...	2 50
1199.	"	Mar. 15, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 27, ...	1 25
1200.	"	Mar. 22, 1898.—Tuning piano, etc., P. S. 93, . . .	1 75
1201.	Chas. Lurch,	Feb. 5, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 19, ...	4 25
1202.	"	Feb. 5, 1898.—Repairing, etc., P. S. 8, ...	8 00
1203.	"	Feb. 19, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 55, ...	1 25
1204.	"	Feb. 9, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 21, ...	2 50

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1205. Chas. Lurch, Feb. 21, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 55, ... $1 25

1206. " Feb. 3, 1898—.Tuning piano, etc., P. S. 56. . . . 1 75

1207. " Feb. 3, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 21, ... 1 25

1208. " Mar. 2, 1898.—Tuning piano, etc., P. S. 3, . . . 1 75

1209. " Mar. 3, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 129, ... 1 25

1210. " Mar. 5, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 44, ... 1 25

1211. " Mar. 10, 1898.—Tuning pianos, P. S. 107, ... 2 50

1212. " Mar. 18, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 23, ... 1 25

1213. " Mar. 16, 1897.—Tuning piano, Boys' High School, . . 1 25

1214. " Mar. 24, 1898.—Tuning piano, P. S. 33, ... 1 25

1215. L. Maas, Feb. 23, 1898.—Repairing piano, etc., P. S. 69, ... 4 00

1216. Manhattan General Construction Co., Feb. 2, 1898.—Repairing lamps, 585 Broadway, . 2 50

1217. Peter Manee, Feb. 24, 1898.—Halyards, P. S. 87, ... 6 00

1218. John McCarthy, Feb. 2, 1398.—Cleaning flue, etc., P. S. 112, ... 1 75

1219. John Neal's Sons, Feb. 12, 1897.—Removing radiators, etc., P. S. 45, 4 78

1220. " " Feb. 12, 1898.—Packing flanges, etc., P.S. 107, . 24 47

1221. " " Feb. 9, 1898.—Repairing steam coil, P. S. 16, . 7 65

App. No.

1222. John Neal's Sons, Feb. 10, 1898.—Repairing steam coil, Boys' High School, . . . $18 33

" " Feb. 3, 1898.—Repairing

1223. steam coil, P. S. 125, . 20 10

1224. " " Feb. 18, 1898.—Repairing radiator, P. S. 57, . 7 66

1225. " " Feb. 18, 1898.—Repairing radiator, etc., P. S. 36, . 19 98

1226. John Neal's Sons, Feb. 3, 1898, repairs heating apparatus, P. S. 22, ... 12 34

1227. John Neal's Sons, Feb. 22, 1898, repairs jambs in furnace, P. S. 20, ... 18 75

1228. John Neal's Sons, Feb. 12, 1898, repairing steam coil, P. S. 31, ... 5 20

1229. John Neal's Sons, Feb. 27, 1898, repairing steam coil, P. S. 21, ... 22 47

1230. Thomas M. Nugent, Feb. 8, 1898, Janitor's sign, P. S. 40, ... 75

1231. F. A. Pfister, Feb. 8. 1898, connecting gas stove, P. S. 85, ... 9 85

1232 J. Peyser, Feb. 24, 1898, glazing, P. S. 128, . 2 75

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, TESTING BOILERS AT FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

1233. P. S. 156, Feb 5, 1898, ... $4 00

1234. P. S. 6, Feb. 12, 1898, ... 2 00

1235. P. S. 93, Feb. 25, 1898, ... 2 00

1236. P. S. 13, Feb. 26, 1898, ... 6 00

1237. P. S. 96, March 12, 1898, ... 4 00

1238. P. S. 1, March 14, 1898, ... 6 00

1239. P. S. 9, March 19, 1898, ... 4 00

1240. James Power, Feb. 3, 1898, glazing, etc., P.S. 1, 3 00

1241. James Power, Feb. 15, 1898, coal hole cover, P. S. 1, ... 2 00

1242. Richardson & Boynton Co., Feb. 4, 1898, repairs heating apparatus, P. S. 149, . . 17 75

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1243. Richardson & Boynton Co., Feb. 14, 1898, repairs heating apparatus, P. S. 103, . . $22 15
1244. Roeser & Sommer, Feb. 21, 1898, gas pendant, P. S. 50, ... 7 00
1245. Henry Rosenberg, March 21, 1898, repairing clock, P. S. 34, ... 75
1246. E. Rutzler, Feb. 7, 1868, steam coil, P. S. 29, 9 82
1247. E. Rutzler, Feb. 5-6, 1898, repairs heating apparatus, P. S. 44, ... 28 15
1248. E. Rutzler, Feb. 2-7, 1898, repairs heating apparatus, P. S. 87, ... 85 33
1249. E. Rutzler, Feb. 5, 1898, radiator, etc., Mixed High School, ... 49 10
1250. Robt. F. Seiffert, Feb. 12, 1898, repairing radiator, P. S. 60, ... 5 45
1251. P. Sullivan, Feb. 15, 1898, trap door, P. S. 44, 4 80
1252. Robt. Thompson, Feb. 26, 1898, repairing radiators, P. S. 98, ... 10 80
1253. John H. Van Tine, Feb. 7, 1898, gas fitting, P. S. 77, ... 9 47
1254. John H. Van Tine, Feb. 8, 1898, gas fitting, P. S. 103, ... 13 47
1255. John H. Van Tine, Feb. 7, 1898, clearing sewer, etc., P. S. 62, ... 64 77
1256. F. Welsh, Feb. 10, 1898, repairing gas engine, etc., P. S. 25, ... 55 30
1257. F. Welsh, March 8, 1898, repairing gas engine, P. S. 54, ... 7 25
1258. White & Middleton Gas Engine Co., Feb. 1, 1898, repairing gas engine, P. S. 58, . . 8 70
1259. J. F. Valois, Feb. 23, 1898, tuning piano, P. S. 133, ... 1 25
1260. Zimdars & Hunt, March 1, 1898, recharging batteries, etc., P. S. 56, ... 6 25

Dr. McSweeny moved that the bills be approved and appropriations made.

Adopted.

Arthur McMullin,
Secretary.

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, and MCSWEENY—3.

The Minutes of the meeting of April 4th were amended by inserting the word "Adopted" after the 15th line from top of page 210 and after the 12th line from top of page 214.

Upon motion of Dr. MCSWEENY the Minutes as amended, were approved.

Public School 151.—Communication from E. Rutzler, contractor for heating, etc., new school building, Ninety-first street and First avenue, stating that in his opinion the Janitor is incompetent to care for the apparatus in the building. (See Minutes, pp. 99, 115, 123, 160, 181 and 203.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that as yet he had been unable to make a suitable transfer, but as soon as he could do so, would report to this Committee.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the item be dropped from the Calendar until the Superintendent is in a position to make his report.

Adopted.

Public School 5.—From Superintendent Jasper relative to use of portion of playground for classrooms, etc., etc. (See Minutes, pp. 130, 162, 183 and 204.)

Laid over, awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

Letter from Jacob A. Riis, referred from the Committee on Studies. (See Minutes, pp. 172, 187 and 205.)

Laid over.

Public School 42.—From the Committee on Studies endorsing recommendations of the Borough Superintendent of Schools, that the position of desks in rooms 30, 33 and 40 F. D., be changed in order to secure the safety of the children. (See Minutes, p. 212.)

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings reported that these desks were changed during the vacation of 1896 in order to secure the light over the left shoulder of the pupils, pursuant to recommendations made by the City Superintendent to the Committee on Buildings under date of April 6th, 1896. (See Minutes, 1896, p. 106.)

Ordered, That the matter be laid over and referred back to the Committee on Studies calling attention to the fact that these desks were changed in accordance with recommendations of the City Superintendent under date of April 6th, 1896, and asking for further consideration.

Public School 155.—From James P. Haney, Supervisor of Manual Training, transmitting a request from the Principal for one dozen hard wood chairs for workshop, and recommending that request be granted. (See Minutes, pp. 188 and 207.)

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file until funds are available.

Application from Mr. S. V. Tsanoff for permission to use the playgrounds in some of the school buildings during vacation for recreation grounds for the children of the City. (See Minutes, p. 213.)

Laid over.

Hall of the Board of Education.—Matter of condition of contract, etc., etc. (See Minutes, pp. 168, 186 and 209.)

Ordered, That the item be dropped from the Calendar.

Public School 157.—Matter of condition of contract of Messrs. McCabe Brothers for erecting new school building, One hundred and twenty-sixth and One hundred and twenty-seventh streets and St. Nicholas avenue. (See Minutes, p. 214.)

Mr. McCabe appeared and stated that he had just recovered from a long and severe illness and now intended to give this contract his entire attention, and would report to this Committee from time to time the progress made.

Laid over.

Public School 79.—From the Borough Board of Superintendents recommending alterations and additions to workshop, as requested by the Principal.

Referred to the Deputy Superintendent for a report.

Public School 51.—From Martin H. Ray, Principal, stating that the school is sadly in need of additional accommodations for its classes and suggesting that a large loft in a building opposite the entrance on Forty-fifth street, which would accommodate six classes, be leased at a monthly rental of $80.

Referred to the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for a report.

From Joseph Kopetsky, offering for sale property on the southwest corner of Fifty-fifth street and Lexington avenue, which he values at $195,000.

Ordered, That Mr. Kopetsky be notified that additional school accommodations are not needed in this neighborhood at present.

Public School 34.—Communication from Messrs. R. Hoe & Co. relative to vacant lots in the rear of the school, stating that boys congregate there, throw stones, etc., and have already broken a number of windows in their factories. Further, that the difficulty of suppressing these lawless demonstrations is greatly increased by the boys having free access to the lots, they not being fenced.

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings reported that

estimates are now being obtained for fencing the lots in question, and upon receipt of same the work would be done at once.

Ordered, That Messrs. Hoe & Co. be notified of the facts in the case.

Public Schools 39 and 78.—From the Board of Inspectors of the Thirty-first School District, stating that in P. S. 78 venetian blinds are required on all windows of classrooms on the easterly side of the building; that bells to call Janitor are out of order, and asphalt pavement should be laid in One hundred and nineteenth street; also that at P. S. 39, blinds or curtains are required at the southerly windows of annex, and that stairway and hall on the west side of main building and a number of rooms require painting, etc.

Referred to the Deputy Superintendent for a report.

Public School 103.—From Mrs. D. P. Hays, Chairman of the Board of School Inspectors of the Twenty-seventh District, stating that the apartment house adjoining the school on One hundred and nineteenth street is much lower than the school building and at times smoke from the chimneys is very offensive to teachers and pupils.

Referred to the Deputy Superintendent for a report.

Public School 9.—Communication from the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-third School District, stating that a number of complaints have been received from the Principal relative to the manner in which the Janitor, Mr. Alfred Hawes, performed his duties, and upon investigation found that the following complaints were well founded:

"That the rooms of the building are not scrubbed monthly, and when the Principal has asked him for the number of the rooms scrubbed, he has refused to give them.

"His general bearing in the school and the language towards his assistants is highly discreditable and present a bad example to the children.

"That he is habitually rude, impertinent and disobliging.

"That he enters the classrooms with his hat on and keeps it on while there.

"That when the Principal or teachers complain of the manner in which the work is done by him or his assistants, he immediately becomes personally abusive."

Further stating that the Janitor is an "unfit and unsuitable man to be a Janitor of a Public School of The City of New York."

Ordered, That the matter be laid over and the Principal of the school and the Janitor invited to be present at the next meeting.

Public School 7.—Communication from W. B. Brouner, M. D., Sanitary Inspector Department of Health, stating that the vacant lot No. 114 Hester street, adjoining the school, is not fenced and is covered with filth, old, decaying vegetables, etc.

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings reported that this is one of the lots covered by contract of Lipman Abel (see Minutes, p. 206). It has been fenced and leveled off, but since this was done, it has become covered with decaying vegetables, etc., thrown from the windows of the adjoining tenements.

Mr. Eustis moved that the owners of adjoining property be notified that unless the windows overlooking the school premises are properly screened, steps will be taken to erect a blank wall, thus cutting off light, etc., from their building.

Adopted.

Public School 113.—Communication from Walter L. Miller, Sanitary Inspector, Department of Health, stating that the lot No. 32 Carmine street, in the rear of the school, is filthy and offensive with garbage, refuse, etc., which emit foul odors.

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings reported that the contract for improving this lot is now before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for approval; also that the refuse, etc., complained of was thrown from the windows of adjoining tenements.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the owners of adjoining property be notified that unless the windows in their buildings overlooking this lot are protected by screens at once, blank walls will be erected on school property shutting out light and air.

Adopted.

From the Borough Superintendent of Schools transmitting Analyses of Quarterly Reports of Boards of Inspectors of the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth School Districts.

Referred to the Chairman to peruse and report back to this Committee such items as in his opinion require attention.

Application from the Rev. C. H. Williams asking for settees not required for school purposes, for use in Bethany Chapel, One hundred and twenty-third street and First avenue; also letter from F. M. North, D. D., Secretary of the N. Y. City Church Extension and Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, endorsing the cause.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that there are only a few settees belonging to the Board which are not in constant use, and as it is necessary to purchase new frequently, it would seem that none can be spared.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the request be denied and the substance of the Superintendent's report communicated to the Rev. C. H. Williams.

Adopted.

Public School 51.—Communication from Peter Lynch, Janitor, relative to two vacant lots in West Forty-fifth street, owned by the Board of Education, being used as a playground by the boys of the school, stating that it is impossible to keep the floors in his building clean on account of mud, dirt, etc., being tracked in; also that the boys remain in the playground as late as five and six o'clock, and the Principal has requested him to open same on Saturdays and Sundays for their use.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the matter be referred to the Chairman with power.

Adopted.

Public School 57.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported having excused the Janitor for absence from duty on April 7th and 8th, 1898, he having given the name of Assistant to be left in charge.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 81.—Bill of William H. Oliver, Acting Janitor, for services rendered during the month of March, 1898, $153.

The Superintentent of School Buildings reported that no permanent Janitor has yet been appointed for this school and Mr. Oliver is in charge. He is therefore entitled to payment for his services at the rate of $153 per payment, the regular salary of the position.

Mr. Eustis moved that the bill be approved and a report presented to the Borough Board asking for the necessary appropriation to pay same.

Adopted.

Public School 110.—Communication from the Janitor stating that his child, who was ill with scarlet fever, died on March 28th, 1898. The premises where he resides have been thoroughly fumigated by the Department of Health, and as all danger is removed, he has rejoined his family. (See Minutes, p. 192.)

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

Public School 13.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of new addition to care for.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that according to the By-Laws this Janitor is entitled to an annual salary of $3,276, being an increase of $1,326; to take effect March 15th, 1898, but apparently through some error he has heretofore been paid $299 per annum more than he was entitled to according to the By-Laws. The salary as now fixed, however, is correct.

Mr. Eustis moved that this increase of salary be granted and

the matter of over-payment be referred to the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

Adopted.

Public School 57.—Application from Janitor for an increase of salary on account of new addition to care for.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that the Annex in East One hundred and sixteenth street should be paid for as a separate building, and therefore the Janitor is entitled to the minimum salary, $533, which in addition to the regular salary for the main building, would amount to $2,717 per annum; to take effect February 21st, 1898.

Granted.

Public School 154.—The Chairman stated that he had visited this building recently, and noticed some one making slight repairs. When he questioned the Janitor as to why he could not do such work, he replied that no tools, nails, screws, etc., were furnished him for the purpose.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the Janitor be notified that if he will make application to the Committee on Supplies, these articles will be furnished him from the Supply Department, as they are all upon the Supply List.

Adopted.

The Chairman reported that according to a resolution adopted by the School Board at the last meeting he had prepared and forwarded to the Secretary the following:

Resolved, That this Board requests the Board of Education of The City of New York, to include in the Budget of expenses for the year 1898, items for the following purposes:

1. Amount necessary for the completion of contracts on School Buildings. Additions to School Buildings and the Hall of the Board of Education, on which the work has already been begun, $2,820,588.

2. Amount of contracts already approved by the former *Board of* Education of The City of New York, or by this

School Board, and also by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on which work has not yet been begun, None.

3. Amount necessary for contracts executed and to be executed for Furniture, Pianos, Heating and Ventilating and other apparatus, due on contracts already let, $113,015.32.

Amount necessary to provide for the letting of contracts for Heating, Ventilating and Furniture in order to complete school buildings in Item 1, $643,145.

4. Amount required for land already acquired for school purposes, $——.

5. Estimated amount required for land now under process of condemnation, or the acquisition of which has been approved by the former Board of Education of the City of New York, $——.

It has not been possible to compute the amounts for Items 4 and 5, for the reason that the time given for the preparation of the report has been too short. As a matter of information I would respectfully call attention to the amount of money to be provided for the carrying out of contracts which have been approved by the former Board of Education and which are now before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment awaiting their approval:

New buildings, ...	$836,712 00
Heating, ventilating and furniture, for certain buildings under process of construction, .	61,374 20
For improving lots adjoining old school buildings, ...	27,573 00
	$925,659 20

Ordered, That the action of the Chairman be approved.

Application from Brainard E. Gregory, assistant draughtsman, for a leave of absence of three or four weeks, without pay.

Mr. Eustis moved that Mr. Gregory be granted leave of absence for four weeks, without pay, to date from April 12th, 1898.

Adopted.

Public School 121.—The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings submitted a communication from Miss Teresa C. Burke, Principal, requesting that another staircase be placed on the east side to afford two exits for the girls; also that more rooms on the fourth floor be fitted up for class purposes.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that an amount of money was included in the Budget for 1898 for a new stairway on the east side of this building, and the work will be done during vacation.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that Miss Burke be acquainted with this fact, and that her request for additional classrooms on the fourth floor of the school be referred to the Committee on Studies.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that funds for the payment of wages of draughtsmen on High School plans were entirely exhausted, and recommended that Mr. Clarence M. Morgan, Foreman of that Division, be transferred to the Repair Division at a salary of $30 per week, to be paid from the General Repair Fund.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that a resolution be presented to the Borough Board making the transfer as recommended by the Superintendent, to take effect this date.

Adopted.

Public School 90.—The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that on November 15th last, the Committee on Buildings made an appropriation to repair a leader at this building. The contractor has done some of the work, but he could not be made to complete it, and has now relinquished all claim for payment, and suggested that Appropriation No. 262, Buildings' Contingent Fund, 1897, be rescinded.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the appropriation be rescinded.

Adopted.

The Committee opened the following bids:

Public School 28.—Electric lighting,

Zimdars & Hunt, ...	$1,356
Hatzel & Buehler, ...	1,468
J. P. Hall, ...	1,510
Commercial Construction Co., .	1,425

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the bids be rejected as the work will have to be advertised on account of the cost exceeding $1,000.

Adopted.

The Committee signed the following payrolls:

Asst. Draughtsmen, month of March, Repairs, .	$238 50
" " " " Sanitary, .	238 50
" " " " Furniture, .	67 50
Inspectors, March 1st to April 9th, inclusive, Repairs,	1,084 50
" " " " " Sanitary,	630 00
" " " " " Furniture,	437 50
Inspectors, 1 week ending April 9th, Heating and Ventilating, ...	54 00

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon, and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid.

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.			
1295.	P. S.	2—Changing wardrobe doors,	$65 00
1296.	"	4—Rebuilding platform, .	18 00
1297.	"	5—Partition, ...	112 00
1298.	"	10—Repairing furniture, .	190 00
1299.	"	22—Curtains, ...	25 00
1300.	"	24—Sanitary repairs, . .	59 00
1301.	"	39—Repairing gas leaks, . .	12 00
1302.	"	43—Changing blinds, etc., .	16 00
1303.	"	43—Repairing furniture, .	23 00
1304.	"	44—Repairing leader, . .	10 00
1305.	"	36—Painting, etc., . . .	35 00

App. No.			
1306.	Annex P. S.	54—Handrail, ...	$16 00
1307.	"	55—Repairing bells, . .	17 50
1308.	"	58—Repairing bells, . .	25 00
1309.	"	71—New water closet, . .	25 00
1310.	"	74—Repairing steam leaks, .	14 65
1311.	"	77—Shelves, molding, etc., .	70 00
1312.	"	79—Adjustable window shades,	66 68
1313.	"	81—Repairing doors, etc., .	22 00
1314.	"	88—Transom shades, . .	14 00
1315.	"	92—Clearing and repairing pipes, ...	10 00
1316.	"	96—Folding gates, . . .	80 00
1317.	"	105—Transom shades, . .	18 00
1318.	"	107—Picture molding, . .	37 50
1319.	"	112—Repairs to doors, etc., .	6 50
1320.	"	120—Repairing drinking sinks,	8 00
1321.	"	146—Repairing bells, . .	16 00
1322.	"	152—Repairing checks, hinges, etc., ...	21 00
1323.	Mixed High School	—Changes to fence, etc., .	65 00
1324.	P. S.	19, 25, 54, 79—Repairing gas engines, . . .	176 50
1325.	"	149—New smoke stack, . .	57 75

Granted.

The Superintendent asked that appropriations be made to pay the following bills, issued by his authority, or where prices are fixed, etc.:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND, ACCOUNT OF JANUARY, 1898.

App. No.		
409.	Jos. W. O'Brien, Jan. 19, 1898—Clearing and repairing water closet pipe, P. S. 44, . .	$11 70

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.

1326. Blake & Williams, Feb. 12, 1898—Repairing interior telephone, Hall of Board, . . $2 50

1327. White & Middleton Gas Engine Co., Feb. 19, 1898—One gas equalizer, P. S. 58, . . 25 00

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the bills be approved and appropriations made.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS and MCSWEENY—3.

The Minutes of the meeting of April 11, 1898, were amended on page 235, fourth line from the bottom, by striking out the figures "299" and inserting "221," and upon motion of Dr. McSweeny, were approved as amended.

Public School 5.—From Superintendent Jasper relative to use of portion of playground for classrooms, etc., etc. (See Minutes, pp. 130, 162, 183, 204 and 227.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 29.—From Inspectors of the First School District recommending that one more room in the G. D. be divided by partitions; that a Kindergarten be provided and if necessary, an additional story erected. (See Minutes, pp. 164, 184, 204 and 228.)

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Communication from Mrs. M. G. Van Rensselaer, President of the Public Education Association, for permission to have opened during the summer months, for the use of children and their mothers, such portions of Public School buildings in the crowded districts of the City, as may furnish safe and quiet places for rest and recreation. (See Minutes, pp. 188, 207 and 229.)

Laid over.

Letter from Jacob A. Riis, referred from the Committee on Studies. (See Minutes, pp. 172, 187, 205 and 230.)

Laid over.

From the Committee on Studies endorsing recommendations of the Borough Superintendent of Schools, that the position of desks in rooms 30, 33 and 40 F. D., be changed in order to secure the safety of the children. (See Minutes, pp. 212 and 230.)

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Application from Mr. S. V. Tsanoff for permission to use the playgrounds in some of the school buildings during vacation for recreation grounds for the children of the City. (See Minutes, pp. 213 and 230.)

Laid over.

Public School 121.—Relative to request of Principal that more room on the fourth floor of the school be fitted up for class purposes. (See Minutes, p. 238.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

High Schools.—Communications relative to buildings to be leased for temporary High Schools. (See Minutes, pp. 138, 165, 185, 204 and 228.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the buildings Nos. 59-67 West Tenth street can be rented for $8,000 per year for a term of years, from May 1, 1898, the owner to put heating apparatus in order, and will afford accommodations for twenty-six classes. The necessary alterations will cost about $7,000.

No. 735 East One hundred and forty-seventh street is four stories high and can be leased at a rental of $4,000 per year. The necessary alterations, etc., which will include two fireproof stairways, will cost about $7,000, and when completed, will afford accommodations for seventeen classes, gymnasium, teachers' *room, etc.*

The Chairman stated that he had visited both the buildings in question and did not consider them adapted for school purposes, but perhaps they are as suitable as any that can be found in their respective localities and no doubt can be put in condition for temporary use, provided the need warrants the expenditure of the amount required for alterations, etc.

Ordered, that the matter be referred back to the Committee on High Schools, calling attention to the condition of the buildings, and the necessary amount required to make alterations, etc., to fit them for temporary use, with the statement that this Committee does not recommend the hiring of these buildings for school use, although they are perhaps the best in their respective localities for the purpose, but if the need warrants the large expenditure required, it will take further steps in the matter only by request of that Committee.

Public School 157.—Contract of Messrs. McCabe Brothers for erecting new school building, One hundred and twenty-sixth and One hundred and twenty-seventh streets and St. Nicholas avenue. (See Minutes, pp. 214 and 231.)

Ordered, That the item be dropped from the Calendar.

Public School 79.—From the Borough Board of Superintendents recommending alterations and additions to workshop, as requested by Principal. (See Minutes, p. 231.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that he had visited the building and estimated the cost of erecting an addition as proposed at about $600, but at present there are no funds available for the purpose.

Laid over.

Public School 51.—From Martin H. Ray, Principal, stating that the school is sadly in need of additional accommodations for its classes, and suggesting that a large loft in a building opposite the entrance on Forty-fifth street, which would accommodate six classes, be leased at a monthly rental of $80. (See Minutes, p. 231.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the loft in question is entirely unsuitable for school purposes, being located in a building where various manufacturers carry on the business of woodworking, preparing chemicals, etc., etc.; the stairways are steep, the building non-fireproof and over 35 feet in height, and therefore cannot be used for school purposes.

The Chairman stated that he had also visited this building and would endorse the statement of the Deputy Superintendent.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board denying the request of the Principal, for the reasons stated.

Public Schools 39 and 78.—From the Board of Inspectors of the Thirty-first School District, stating that in P. S. 78 venetian blinds are required on all windows of classrooms on the easterly side of building; that bells to call Janitor are out of order, and asphalt pavement should be laid in One hundred and nineteenth street; also that at P. S. 39 blinds or curtains are required at the southerly windows of annex, and stairway and hall on the west side of main building and a number of rooms require painting, etc. (See Minutes, p. 232.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that venetian blinds will be provided at Public School 78 as soon as funds are available, and will also be placed at the southerly windows of Annex to Public School 39.

Main building is in fair condition, but during Summer vacation it is contemplated painting walls and ceilings in rooms 21, 32 and 33, G. D., and rooms 1, 3, 10, 11, 13 and 14, P. D. The other rooms mentioned, Nos. 28, 29, 30 and 31, are now painted a light buff color and are light and airy. A transom will be placed over door of room 3 for ventilation.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board referring the matter of necessity for asphalt pavement in One hundred and nineteenth street in front of P. S. 78, to the Department of Highways; the Board of Inspectors informed of this action and also of repairs, etc., contemplated during the coming vacation.

Public School 103.—From Mrs. Daniel P. Hays, Chairman of the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-seventh School District, stating that the apartment house adjoining this school on One hundred and nineteenth street is much lower than the school building and at times smoke from the chimneys is very offensive to teachers and pupils. (See Minutes, p. 232.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that he had visited the school and the Principals of both the male and female Grammar departments stated that they had made no complaints and that teachers in rooms adjoining the building in question say that the annoyance caused by the smoke is not serious, but in case it should become so, promised to notify the Superintendent of School Buildings at once.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the report be accepted and Mrs. Hays notified of the facts.

Adopted.

Public School 9.—Communication from the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-third School District making complaints against the Janitor. (See Minutes, p. 232.)

Miss J. E. Bernholz, Principal of the school, appeared before the Committee and was heard. Mr. Alfred Hawes, Janitor, also appeared and was heard.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the matter be referred to the Chairman with power.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following:

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In view of the communication from the Mayor prohibiting the incurring of any liability payable from the proceeds of bonds issued or to be issued, and the absence of any action by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment rendering available the balance of proceeds of bonds for payment of wages of draughtsmen and inspectors, will it not be incumbent upon

this bureau to dismiss, on April 30th, 1898, every employee who is paid from the bond account?

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board giving the facts in the case in full and stating that under the present condition of affairs it is a question whether or not the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will make available the balance in that account after May 1st, 1898, therefore, there is no other course to pursue than to dispense with the services of all those employees whose wages are paid from the bond account.

Public School 1.—Request from Messrs. J. F. Buchanan & Co., contractors for electric lighting, etc., new school building, to have their final payment of $1,027 divided, as their work is substantially completed.

Superintendent of School Buildings reported that this contract is about completed, all that is required being the testing of the wiring. The Board of Fire Underwriters have filed a certificate that work is completed, and he therefore recommended that the third and final payment of $1,027 be divided as follows:

3d. When work is substantially completed, .	$800
4th. When work is completed and accepted, .	227

Ordered, That the request of Messrs. J. F. Buchanan & Co. be granted and the final payment divided as recommended by the Superintendent of School Buildings.

The Superintendent stated that he understands it is the intention of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to provide money for the payment of salaries for employees of the Department of Education for the month of March, and at the last meeting of this Committee (see page 239 of the Minutes), the payroll for inspectors on repairs, sanitary and furniture from March 1st to April 9th, inclusive, was signed. This action should be rescinded. The roll should now include time for the month of March only.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the action of this Committee at the last meeting as above stated, be rescinded.

Adopted.

Public School 151.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that a resolution was adopted by the Board of Education on October 20th, 1897, transferring Thomas F. Hughes, Janitor of Public School 24, to Public School 151, the transfer to take effect November 1st, 1897. On account of some delay in getting the new building ready for occupancy, he did not take charge until December 11th, but in the meantime, by request, placed an engineer in charge of the heating apparatus on November 24th, 1897, and paid him at the rate of $2.00 per day from that date to December 10th, inclusive, seventeen days at $2.00 per day, or $34, and is therefore entitled to payment for this outlay.

Mr. Eustis moved that the bill be approved and a report be presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation to pay same.

Adopted.

The Chairman reported having increased the rent allowances of Janitors of P. S. 86 and 110, to take effect April 1st, as follows:

Public School 86.—Allowance increased from $247 to $299 per annum.

Public School 110.—Allowance increased from $221 to $299 per annum.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—From Mr. E. A. Page, Principal, asking permission to use the large Hall in the building to hold a meeting of the Alumni Association of the school, on the night of Friday, April 22d, 1898.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the request be granted.

Adopted.

Communication from the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co. in the matter of inspection and insurance of the steam boilers in Public Schools of The City of New York, on the basis of 350 boilers, variously located.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell for a report.

Public School 59.—From the Board of Inspectors of the Eighteenth School District, recommending that the block in Fifty-seventh street, between Second and Third avenues, be paved with asphalt, etc. Also that a half story be added to the building for Manual Training, etc., and that elevators be put in all schools where one Principal has the supervision of four floors, as it is a great tax to go up four flights of stairs perhaps twenty times each day in the discharge of her duties.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that to erect a half story on this building would be a violation of the Building Law, and there is no money provided in the Budget for putting elevators in school buildings.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that a report be presented to the Board referring the necessity for asphalt pavement in Fifty-seventh street in front of P. S. 59 to the Department of Highways, and that the Board of Inspectors be notified of the facts as above stated.

Adopted.

Public School 42.—From Superintendent Jasper submitting a copy of a report made by Associate Superintendent Farrell, recommending that desks in Room 40 be reversed in order to place the teacher in command of the door; also in room 26.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Studies to be considered in connection with the communication on the same subject now before it.

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted a statement showing the sum of $48,168.76 as the amount required to pay the full force of Inspectors and Draughtsmen on new school buildings, from May 1st to October 31st, 1898, inclusive, to carry

on the work now under way and to improve sites now owned and being acquired.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Borough Board requesting the Board of Education to ask the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to set aside this amount; to be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Public School 167.—Communication from Mr. P. Gallagher, contractor for erecting new school building, Mott and Walton avenues, One hundred and forty-fourth and One hundred and forty-sixth streets, stating that he has stopped work on the building, owing to failure to receive money due on contract.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file and the Superintendent of School Buildings directed to dispense with the services of the Inspector when work ceases.

Public School 51.—Communication from the Department of Highways notifying this Department that the sidewalk in front of No. 516 West Forty-fifth street, in the rear of the school, must be repaired at once.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the sidewalk referred to is in the same condition in which it has been for many years and exactly the same as sidewalk on adjoining property. When an Inspector called to examine the premises, the Principal of the School, presumably mistaking him for an Inspector from the Department of Highways, stated that he was the originator of the complaint, etc., and made several remarks in regard to the manner work was carried on, etc., etc.

Ordered, That the Department of Highways be notified that this Committee does not deem it advisable to repair this sidewalk at present, as it is in exactly the same condition as the sidewalk on adjoining property; also that the Principal of the school be requested to be present at the next meeting of this Committee at 5 P. M.

From the Borough Superintendent of Schools transmitting analyses of Quarterly Reports of Boards of Inspectors of the

Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth School Districts. (See Minutes, p. 234.)

The Chairman stated that he had gone over these reports very carefully and found that the complaints had all received attention.

Ordered, That the report be accepted.

The Committee signed the following payroll:

Repairs—Inspectors, March,	$832 50
Sanitary—Inspectors, March,	486 00
Furniture—Inspectors, March,	337 50

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid.

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.		
1360.	P. S. 13—Umbrella stands,	$36 00
1361.	P. S. 21—Repairing steam leaks,	33 00
1362.	P. S. 21—Repairing doors, etc.,	17 00
1363.	P. S. 28—Repairing furniture,	64 00
1364.	P. S. 30—Window boxes and shelves,	11 00
1365.	P. S. 33—Window boxes, etc.,	16 00
1366.	P. S. 41—Lanterns,	40 00
1367.	P. S. 45—Water tank, etc.,	10 00
1368.	P. S. 50—Pupils' desks and seats,	268 00
1369.	P. S. 58—Lanterns,	15 00
1370.	P. S. 61—Glazing,	9 85
1371.	P. S. 70—Venetian blinds,	70 00
1372.	P. S. 77—Exhibition case,	24 00
1373.	P. S. 78—Venetian blinds,	86 00
1374.	P. S. 83—Repairing doors, glazing, etc.	25 00
1375.	P. S. 84—Clearing supply pipe, etc.,	10 00
1376.	P. S. 90—Repairs to leader,	42 00
1377.	P. S. 92—Repairs to bells, etc.,	20 00
1378.	P. S. 94. Addition—Fitting up classrooms with old furniture,	91 00

App. No.

1379.	P. S. 94—New carpets,	$24 44
1380.	P. S. 94—Umbrella stands,	24 00
1381.	P. S. 101—Repairing leader, etc.,	18 00
1382.	P. S. 103—New gongs,	32 00
1383.	P. S. 122—Fresh air grates, etc.,	42 50
1384.	P. S. 126—Sanitary repairs,	285 00
1385.	P. S. 135—New skylight,	79 50
1386.	P. S. 138—Repairing plastering, etc.,	12 00
1387.	P. S. 141—Protecting ceiling over boilers,	83 00
1388.	P. S. 151—Window boxes,	8 00
1389.	P. S. 154—Man-hole gaskets, etc.,	6 50
1390.	P. S. 154—Umbrella stands,	36 00

Granted.

The Superintendent asked that appropriations be made to pay the following bills for work done on verbal orders issued by his authority:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS—REPAIRS, ACCOUNT OF 1897.

4354. James Beggs & Co., Dec. 31, 1897—Grates, etc., P. S. 58, $85 29

GENERAL REPAIR FUND, ACCOUNT OF JANUARY, 1898.

410. A. & F. Brown, Jan. 21, 1898—Belt boxes and oil cups, etc., P. S. 10, $74 80

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

1391. John Buchanan, Feb. 14, 1898—Gas pipe rod, P. S. 84, $1 25

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the bills be approved and appropriations made.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS and MCSWEENY—3.

On motion of Dr. MCSWEENY the Minutes of the meeting held April 18, 1898, were approved.

Public School 5.—From Borough Superintendent Jasper relative to use of portion of playground for classrooms, etc., etc. (See Minutes, pp. 130, 162, 183, 204 and 227.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 29.—From Inspectors of the First School District recommending that one more room in the G. D. be divided by partitions; that a Kindergarten be provided and if necessary an additional story erected. (See Minutes, pp. 164, 184, 204, 228 and 243.)

A report was received from the Committee on Studies stating that the formation of a Kindergarten in this building is by no means dependent upon cutting off a portion of the playroom or consolidating classes, although the mixed grammar classes are not nearly full. A room for Kindergarten can easily be found by eliminating Class 7B (eight pupils) and transferring it to P. S. 44, the sixteen pupils in Class A consolidated with twenty-four of the next lower, and by moving up class after class into rooms now occupied by the class above it. In this way most of Primary Class B would be transferred to the upper floor and a room gained for the Kindergarten class on the lower floor.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the report of the Committee on Studies be approved and such changes made in the furniture, etc., as may be necessary to comply therewith when that Committee is ready to make the transfers.

Adopted.

Communication from Mrs. M. G. Van Rensselaer, President of the Public Education Association, for permission to have opened during the summer months, for the use of children and their mothers, such portions of Public School buildings in the crowded districts of the city, as may furnish safe and quiet places for rest and recreation. (See Minutes, pp. 188, 207, 229 and 243.)

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Application from Mr. S. V. Tsanoff for permission to use the playgrounds in some of the school buildings during vacation for recreation grounds for the children of the City. (See Minutes, *pp. 213, 230* and 244.)

Laid over.

Public School 121.—Relative to request of Principal that more rooms on the fourth floor of the school be fitted up for class purposes. (See Minutes, pp. 238 and 244.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

High Schools.—Communications relative to buildings to be leased for temporary High Schools. (See Minutes, pp. 138, 165, 185, 204, 228 and 244.)

A further communication from Committee on High Schools, as follows:

"At a meeting of the Committee on High Schools held on April 22d, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Sites and Buildings be requested to take the necessary steps to procure leases of the buildings Nos. 59–67 West Tenth street, and No. 735 East One hundred and forty-seventh street, for the purposes of High School Annexes; the term of said leases to be not longer than two years with the privilege of renewal for a third year."

Ordered, That the matter be referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell for a report as to the alterations required and the best terms upon which the property can be leased; also as to what provision has been made in the Budget for 1898 for this purpose.

Girls' High School.—Communication from the Committee on High Schools, as follows:

"At a meeting of the Committee on High Schools held on April 22d, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Committee request the Committee on Sites and Buildings to take the necessary steps to have the repairs shown upon the diagram submitted by Superintendent Snyder, made in the Girls' High School building, No. 36 East Twelfth street."

(Alterations shown on diagram consist of dividing assembly room, second story, thus forming two classrooms and wardrobes.)

Public School 95.—Communication from Mr. E. A. Page, Principal of the Harlem Evening High School, for permission to hold meetings of the H. E. H. S. Literary and Debating Society in that school on Friday evenings until vacation, stating that the application was made with the knowledge and consent of both Principal and Janitor of the school, and that he would become responsible for any damage done to the building or furniture; also that he would have an Instructor of the Harlem Evening High School present at each meeting (see Minutes, p. 187).

The Chairman stated that he had granted permission to use this building on last Friday evening, with the understanding that the above application would be made to this Committee to-day.

Ordered, That the action of the Chairman be approved and the request of Mr. Page granted, with the understanding that the provisions named are to be complied with.

Public School 154.—The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that William Murphy, Janitor, reported a case of scarlet fever in his family on April 19th, and that he had notified him that neither he nor his assistants must hold any communication with his family until the Department of Health certifies there is no further danger of contagion.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Application of Daniel J. Griffin, Assistant Draughtsman, for leave of absence without pay from April 30, 1898.

Granted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that he understood the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in making an appropriation for payment of salaries for March only set aside sufficient money to pay salaries of persons paid from the General Repair Fund but not for Furniture. Therefore, the *payroll for* Draughtsmen signed on the 11th inst. (see Minutes,

p. 239, lines eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth), will have to be cancelled; also the payroll for Inspectors, signed on the 18th inst. (see Minutes, p. 252, lines eighth, ninth and tenth), and new rolls signed, omitting the item for Furniture.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the action of this Committee in signing the above rolls on April 11th and 18th be rescinded and new payrolls signed.

Adopted.

Boys' High School.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that on the order on contract of the Buffalo School Furniture Co. for supplying new Slates for Old School Buildings, of the amount for this building, 154½ sq. ft. were defective and could not be passed. The contractors however, agree to make no charge for this number of sq. ft. provided they are not required to replace it. The slate can be used, although not perfect, and contractors agree to make a deduction of $46.53 from the final payment of $120.87.

Ordered, That the proposition of the Buffalo School Furniture Co. be approved.

From the Secretary of the School Board, transmitting a copy of a resolution adopted by that Board at the last meeting, in regard to dismissing from the service or transferring to other sections, all persons whose wages are paid from the Bond Account.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the matter be referred to the Chairman with power, action taken to be reported at the next meeting of this Committee.

Adopted.

Public School 56.—Dr. McSweeny presented a bill for gas supplied to the Janitor's residence, No. 357 West Eighteenth street, adjoining the school, stating that the Janitor claims that the Board of Education is required to pay gas bills when he resides on school property, as this has always been customary.

Ordered, That the request of the Janitor be denied and bill returned as in the opinion of this Committee, the Board of

Education is not required to pay gas bills for Janitors when they do not reside in the school building proper.

Public School 44.—Complaint from the Board of Inspectors of the Third School District stating that the Janitor was not performing his duties satisfactorily, etc.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell stated that he had had an examination made of the building upon receipt of this complaint, and found many parts of it in an unsatisfactory condition, and that he had invited the two Principals and Janitor to be present at this meeting, also submitted the record of Michael Moran, Janitor.

Mrs. F. A. Pond, Principal of the Female Department and Mr. Samuel Morehouse, Principal Male Department were present, and both stated that the Janitor did not perform his duties in a satisfactory manner, at times appearing stupid and as if he did not understand what was said to him, etc., and that they did not consider him a proper person to be the Janitor of a public school.

Mr. Moran was present and heard.

Dr. McSweeny moved that Mr. Moran be fined five days' pay and reprimanded by the Chairman; also that he be given to understand that unless his building is put in proper condition at once and kept so, he will be dismissed from the service.

Adopted.

Mr. Moran was then reprimanded by the Chairman and notified in accordance with the above.

Communication from the Secretary of the School Board stating that Sections 56, 57 and 58 of the By-Laws were referred to this Committee at a meeting of the Board held on the 20th inst., for revision.

Ordered, That Section 56 be eliminated, as its provisions are covered by Section 57, and that several minor changes be made in the construction of the rules and regulations governing Janitors; also that the section in regard to compensation of Janitors, stand as at present until something better, if possible, can be *presented.*

The Chairman stated that at the last meeting of the School Board, the By-Laws, Section 62, paragraph 3, were amended as follows:

"In case said person or persons whose bid has been accepted shall be ready and willing to execute the contract and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment shall fail within thirty days to approve said contract, then said person or persons shall be permitted to withdraw their certified check by substituting in lieu thereof a bond for the same amount executed by good and sufficient sureties, satisfactory to the Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

"Adopted, provided the Corporation Counsel decides favorably on its validity."

The Committee signed the following payrolls:

Assistant Draughtsmen, March, 1898.	
Repairs,	$238.50
Sanitary,	238.50
Inspectors, March, 1898.	
Repairs,	$832.50
Sanitary,	486.00

The Committee granted an extension of time on the following contract:

Public School 121. John L. Jordan. Alterations, etc.; dated December 9th, 1897; extended to March 26th, 1898.

The Committee approved and signed the following final payments:

Public School 121. John L. Jordan. Alterations, etc., $1,100.

Final payments on orders on contract of the Cleveland School Furniture Co., for new furniture for old school buildings, Item IV.

P. S. 12,	$13.78
P. S. 42,	16 46
P. S. 129,	4.02
	$34.26

Final payment on order on contract of the Buffalo School Furniture Co., for new slates for old school buildings, as follows:

Boys' High School, ... $74.34

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.				
1413.	P. S.	3—Cleaning flush pipe, etc., . .	$9	00
1414.	"	4—Repairing furniture, . . .	20	00
1415.	"	6—Door check, ...	5	50
1416.	"	24—Painting hall and classroom, .	35	00
1417.	"	25—Slate blackboards, . . .	27	00
1418.	"	42—Renumbering doors, . . .	22	40
1419.	"	46—Repairing furniture, . . .	163	00
1420.	"	46—New leaders, etc., . . .	130	00
1421.	Ann. "	46—New shades and repairing furniture, ...	48	00
1422.	"	56—Repairing gas engine, . .	35	00
1423.	"	58—Repairing furniture, . . .	7	00
1424.	"	60—Repairing door, . . .	6	00
1425.	"	63—Cleaning, etc., privy vault, . .	25	00
1426.	"	65—Cleaning, etc., privy vault, .	28	00
1427.	"	81—Book closets, ...	59	00
1428.	"	81—Louvres, ...	68	00
1429.	"	87—Repairing furnace, . . .	154	00
1430.	"	94—Repairing furniture, etc., . .	63	00
1431.	"	113—Repairing water closet tanks, etc.	13	00
1432.	"	119—Repairing doors, . . .	3	00
1433.	"	128—Drinking sinks, . . .	80	00
1434.	"	136—Platform in playgrounds, . .	21	00
1435.	"	155—Yale latches, etc., . . .	8	00
1436.	Girls' High School, two Rattan couches, . .		41	00

Granted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, MAY 2, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS and MCSWEENY—3.

On motion of Dr. MCSWEENY the Minutes of the meeting held April 25, 1898, were approved.

Public School 5.—From Borough Superintendent Jasper relative to use of portion of playground for classrooms, etc., etc. (See Minutes, pp. 130, 162, 183, 204, 227 and 255.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

Communication from Mrs. M. G. Van Rensselaer, President of the Public Education Association, for permission to have opened during the summer months, for the use of children and their mothers, such portions of Public School Buildings in the crowded districts of the City, as may furnish safe and quiet places for rest and recreation. (See Minutes, pp. 188, 207, 229, 243 and 256.)

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in order to secure the safety of the children. (See Minutes, pp. 212, 230, 244 and 256.)

Also communication from Borough Superintendent Jasper submitting a copy of report made by Associate Superintendent Farrell, recommending that desks in room 40 be reversed in order to place the teacher in command of the door. (See Minutes, pp. 250 and 256.)

Laid over awaiting a further report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 121.—Relative to request of Principal that more rooms on the fourth floor of the school be fitted up for class purposes. (See Minutes, pp. 238, 244 and 257.)

Communication from the Committee on Studies stating that additional accommodations are needed in the neighborhood of this school and recommending that three rooms be fitted up for classroom purposes, "providing the Superintendent of School Buildings shall certify that they may be used with due regard to the safety of the pupils who would occupy them." Further, that the furniture should be that for the highest grade pupils taught in the school.

Laid over and referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell for a report.

High Schools.—Communications relative to buildings to be leased for temporary High Schools. (See Minutes, pp. 138, 165, 185, 204, 228, 244 and 257.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the following items were inserted in the Budget for 1898, for leasing and fitting up annexes to High Schools:

For rent of three annexes to High Schools, .	$9,000
Alterations, repairs, etc., ...	15,950

The rent of the two buildings in question, 59-67 West Tenth street and 735 East One hundred and forty-seventh street, from May 1st, 1898, to the end of the year would be $8,000, while *the necessary* alterations to fit them for school purposes would

be $14,000. This would leave a balance of $1,000 in rent account and $1,950 in account for repairs, etc.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board giving the particulars in the case in full and asking for authority to make negotiations for the buildings.

Communication from the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co. in the matter of inspection and insurance of steam boilers in Public Schools of the City of New York, on the basis of three hundred and fifty boilers, variously located. (See Minutes, p. 258.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that $7,000, the amount asked by this Company, appears to be a large sum to pay for the inspection and insurance of boilers, etc., and it is thought that better oversight and care can be given the heating apparatus in school buildings by having a machinist and helper employed by this Board; it would also be much cheaper. Further, that it is not the custom of the School Board to insure any of its property.

Ordered, That the proposition of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company be denied and the company notified that it is not customary to insure any property of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

Analyses of reports of Boards of Inspectors of the 8th, 13th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 24th, 25th, 26th and 34th School Districts. (See Minutes, p. 258.)

The Chairman reported that he had gone over these reports very carefully and found that most of the matters had already received attention, others were being taken care of, while many of the items mentioned, such as paving streets with asphalt, etc., are beyond the power of this Committee, as there are no funds at its disposal for the purpose. Further, that in his opinion many of the complaints cited, could well be taken care of by the Building Bureau, if notified direct, and suggested that Inspectors employed by said Bureau, when visiting various school buildings in their districts, call upon the Principals and ask if there are any complaints to be made or anything requiring attention.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the Inspectors of the Building Bureau be directed, when calling at the various buildings, to visit the Principals and ask if there are any complaints to be made in regard to the building, etc.

Adopted.

The Chairman further stated that he had selected the following items to be laid before this Committee:

District No. 13, P. S. 45.—"Sometime since one of the class "rooms was dismantled with the intention of using it for a Kin- "dergarten class. Nothing has been done, however, towards "fitting it up for that purpose and it stands vacant, while the "school is in need of an additional class room."

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Supplies, as kindergarten furniture is furnished by that Committee.

District No. 24, P. S. 6.—"There are two saloons each "within sixty feet of the school, and they have proved to be "great nuisances, and in fact some danger to the boys and girls."

Ordered, That the attention of the Deputy Commissioner of Excise be called to the matter.

P. S. 96.—"Asphalt pavement has been advocated for a long "time by this Board to be laid on Eighty-first and Eightieth "streets and on Avenue A."

P. S. 53.—"Asphalt pavement should be laid on Eightieth "street, which is in rear of the school house."

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board referring the matter to the Commissioner of Highways, and calling attention to the necessity for the work.

District No. 25, P. S. 93.—"Recommend that inasmuch as "temporary accommodations will still be needed in this district "on the opening of school in the fall, that steps be taken at "once to acquire a renewal of the leases of the present quarters "*before* the owners make other disposition of the buildings.

" This recommendation is made on account of a suggestion re-
" ceived by the Inspectors that plans were being made for
" another use of the building on Ninety-ninth street, where
" temporary school is now being conducted, which would be
" carried out unless the building was again secured for another
" year by the Board of Education."

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the lease of Parish House of St. Michael's P. E. Church, used as an annex to P. S. 93, for which a rental of $3,200 per year is paid, will expire on November 15th, 1898.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Studies for a report as to the necessity for renewing lease for another year, with the statement that in the opinion of this Committee, owing to the peculiar condition now existing in regard to erecting new building, etc., the building will be required.

District No. 26, P. S. 30.—" To have one or two of the large
" rooms on fifth floor partitioned off and fitted up as classrooms;
" in this way four additional classrooms could be obtained; at
" present many of the rooms have their full capacity and the
" admissions constantly increasing. With these alterations we
" will be prepared for the coming term."

Referred to the Committee on Studies.

Communication from the National Volunteer Reserve, addressed to the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for permission to utilize school houses for the purpose of securing a grand enrollment of citizens of Greater New York. (See Minutes, p. 259.)

The Chairman reported that he had conferred with the President of the Board in regard to this matter, and suggested that the request be denied, as in his opinion it would be unwise to grant same on account of the impossibility of keeping a school building in a proper hygienic condition if a double use were made of it.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board stating, that while this Committee is in entire accord and sympathy with the

purpose of the organization, in view of the requirements as to the hygienic condition of school buildings, it is deemed unwise to grant the request.

From the Secretary of the School Board, transmitting a copy of a resolution adopted by that Board at a meeting held April 20th, 1898, in regard to dismissing from the service or transferring to other sections, all persons whose wages are paid from the Bond Account. (See Minutes, p. 261.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that in compliance with the directions of the Chairman of this Committee, he had on April 30th, 1898, suspended without pay, the following named Inspectors:

George L. Baxter,	Chief Inspector on New School Buildings.
James Dennison,	General Inspector on New School Buildings.
John Mallon,	Painting Inspector on New School Buildings.
James M. Finlay,	Iron and Steel Inspector on New School Buildings.
Jacob Warner,	Inspector on New School Buildings.
William H. McCord,	" " " "
Peter F. Mellon,	" " " "
Otto C. Assenheimer,	" " " "
Jenkin Jones,	" " " "
Charles K. Hyde,	" " " "
John A. Miller,	" " " "
Thomas H. Graham,	" " " "
John Kelly,	" " " "
Alexander Grant,	" " " "
Edmund W. Hoag,	" " " "
Michael F. Long,	" " " "
Michael J. Daly,	" " " "
Albert Heywood,	" " " "
James Quinn,	" " " "
Theodore H. Mackey,	" " " "

He also submitted the following list of Assistant Draughtmen and recommended that they be transferred to the General Repair Fund, and assigned to the divisions named:

Maurice Bause, Heating and Ventilating Division,	$35 00
Brainard E. Gregory, " " "	23 00
L. C. Denis, Sanitary Division,	25 00
John Boyle, " "	25 00
A. H. Hallock, Repair Division,	35 00
H. M. Devoe, " "	30 00
J. D. McAuliffe, " "	25 00
Emil J. Lance, " "	25 00
F. H. Blackledge, " "	25 00
Courtes Hubbs, " "	16 00
H. R. Halsey, " "	15 00
Edward L. Middleton, "	10 00
Thomas B. Wood, " "	6 00
Louis Frank, " "	3 00

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the action of the Superintendent in suspending the above named Inspectors be approved; that the transfer of Draughtsmen recommended be made and a report presented to the Board stating the action of this Committee in regard to the matter.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported having granted leave of absence without pay, to the following named Assistant Draughtsmen, on the dates mentioned, and asked that his action be approved:

Eugene Dieterich,	April 15th, 1898.
Donald MacGregor,	" 21st, "
Emil Sulzer,	" 25th, "

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 81.—Bill of William J. Oliver $153, for services as acting Janitor for the month of April, 1898.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that no permanent janitor had yet been appointed for this school; Mr. Oliver is still in charge and therefore entitled to payment for his services for the month of April, 1898.

Ordered, That the bill be approved and a report presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation to pay same.

Public School 136.—From the Committee on Studies referring a communication from the Principal, who asks that curtains now used to divide the main room into four classrooms be replaced by folding doors, further stating that running water and a basin is absolutely necessary on the second floor; a closet to keep supplies is needed in each classroom, a wooden platform for teacher should be placed in yards and a roll top desk, general assistants' desk and three chairs required.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that he did not think it advisable to place rolling doors in this building as it is very old; that rolling shutters would answer the purpose, also affording necessary blackboard space, and these were called for in specifications which have been prepared for summer vacation work. This will necessitate enlarging windows in two rear rooms to give additional light and ventilation, which is also provided for. The other items mentioned will receive attention as soon as funds are available. Further, that sometime ago upon receipt of a similar communication from the Principal he had informed her that the sliding doors were not feasible and of the work proposed to be done at the building.

Ordered, That the Committee on Studies be notified of the above facts; also that the Principal had been informed that rolling doors were not feasible but that rolling shutters would be used instead.

Communication from H. Irving Loewy asking in behalf of the Associate Alumni of Public School 6, to be allowed to use the gymnasium in that school two or three nights each week for a class of thirty-five, etc.

Messrs. Tiesenhausen and Boylan appeared before the Committee on behalf of the Alumni Association and were heard.

Ordered, That the matter be dropped from the calendar until something more definite is heard from the Alumni Association.

Public School 88.—Request from Mr. John King, Inspector Sixth School District, to have stairways of the old building examined, as he does not consider them adequate for use of the second story, P. D.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to Borough Superintendent Jasper and Deputy Superintendent Haskell for reports.

Public School 2.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported having excused the Janitor for half a day on the 29th inst. to attend a funeral, he having designated the name of Assistant to be left in charge.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Storehouse, No. 426 East One Hundred and Tenth Street.—The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that Mr. Melancthon F. Schureman, Watchman, is paid from the same fund as Janitors of Public Schools, and if his name were placed on the payroll of the nearest school it would enable him to receive his money sooner and with less trouble than if a bill is signed each month.

Dr. McSweeny moved that Mr. Schureman's name be placed on the payroll of Public School 83 and the Principal notified to that effect.

Public School 16.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of additional floor and yard space to care for.

Public School 84.—Application from the Janitor for increase of salary on account of living apartments having been altered for school purposes.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that according to the By-Laws these Janitors are entitled to the following:

	Annual salary.	Increase.	To take effect.
P. S. 16, . .	$1,690.	$169.	Feb. 1, 1898.
" 84, . .	2,054.	26.	Apr. 15, 1898.

Granted.

Mr. Charles C. Burlingham appeared before the Committee in regard to a resolution which he had submitted to the Borough Board at the last meeting (see Journal, 1898, p. 511), and suggested that same be made to read as follows:

"Section 57a. Every Janitor of a building in which there are "girls, shall employ, unless relieved by the Committee on Sites and "Buildings, at least one woman assistant, who shall be in attend- "ance from the opening of the school building in the morning "till the pupils have left the building, and shall, in addition to "her general duties as an assistant, be specially charged with "overlooking the yards and playgrounds of girls' departments "and classes.

"The selection of such women assistants shall be subject to "approval of the Deputy Superintendents of Buildings for the "Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, respectively."

Approved.

The Committee opened the following bids:

PUBLIC SCHOOL 96.—ALTERATIONS TO VENT DUCTS, ETC.

Baker, Smith & Co., ...	$233.00
Herrmann & Grace, ...	360.00
Frank Dobson, ...	373.00
Blake & Williams, ...	374.00

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the award be made to Messrs. Baker, Smith & Co., the lowest bidders, for $233.00.

Adopted.

App. No.	
1506.	$233.00

The Committee approved and signed the following final payments:

Final payment on orders on contract of the Buffalo School Furniture Company for new slates for old school buildings, $114.21:

Public School 8,	$ 3.87
" " 16,	24.39
" " 19,	9.54
" " 26,	13.32
" " 41,	2.43
" " 45,	3.60
" " 48,	11.97
" " 55,	6.12
" " 56,	32.67
" " 73,	6.30
	$114.21

Final payment on order on contract of C. H. Browne for new furniture for old school buildings, Item I,

P. S. 37, ... $17.21.

The Committee signed the following payrolls:

Bond Account, Draughtsmen, Month of April,	$1,667.81
High School, " " "	73.33
Repair Account, " " "	319.67
Sanitary, " " "	129.66
Heating and Ventilating, Draughtsmen, Month of April,	238.33
Repairs Account, Inspectors, Month of April,	819.00
Sanitary, " " "	168.00
Heating and Ventilating, Inspectors, Month of April,	216.00
Furniture Account Inspectors and Draughtsmen, Month of March,	405.00
Furniture Account Inspectors and Draughtsmen, Month of April,	390.00

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.			
1437.	P. S.	2—Repairing furniture,	$2 25
1438.	"	4—Repairing stair rail,	6 00
1439.	"	5—Extending cold air inlets,	213 50
1440.	"	6—Repairing belts,	15 00
1441.	"	6—Gate valve, etc.,	7 00
1442.	"	7—Repairing sliding doors,	115 00
1443.	"	7—Glazing,	4 37
1444.	"	7—Changes in ash hoist,	16 00
1445.	"	11—Repairing engine,	11 30
1446.	"	12—Glazing,	2 76
1447.	"	14—Repairing Venetian blinds.	4 50
1448.	"	14—Glazing,	6 30
1449.	"	14—Sanitary repairs,	15 00
1450.	"	16—Repairing electric bells,	9 50
1451.	"	19—Halyards,	5 00
1452.	"	20—Glazing,	2 97
1453.	"	20—Repairs to leaders,	7 00
1454.	"	29—Repairing electric gongs,	3 00
1455.	"	30—Bells,	28 00
1456.	"	31—Glazing,	3 42
1457.	"	39—Transom sash,	37 00
1458.	An. "	39—Painting	28 00
1459.	"	42—Recaning chairs,	6 00
1460.	"	42—Glazing,	4 00
1461.	"	42—Halyards,	5 00
1462.	"	44—Glazing skylight,	6 00
1463.	"	50—Removing furniture,	9 00
1464.	"	51—Repairing handrail, etc.,	17 00
1465.	"	51—New skylight, keys, etc.,	64 00
1466.	"	53—Repairing pipe,	7 50
1467.	"	57—Changing radiators,	30 00
1468.	"	62—Clearing sewer, etc.,	19 00
1469.	"	67—Glazing,	8 90
1470.	"	68—Repairing furniture,	13 00
1471.	"	69—Ladder chair, etc.,	3 75

App. No.			
1472.	P. S.	69—Racks, hooks, etc.,	$10 00
1473.	"	70—Repairing drinking sinks,	7 25
1474.	"	72—Locks and keys,	3 50
1475.	"	74—Glazing,	7 70
1476.	"	76—Bolts, locks, keys, etc.,	16 00
1477.	"	77—Removing and resetting furniture,	16 75
1478.	"	79—Repairs to leader,	14 00
1479.	"	79—Repairing bells and gongs,	18 00
1480.	"	83—Repairing chairs,	10 00
1481.	"	83—Halyards, etc.,	12 00
1482.	"	83—Shelving,	15 00
1483.	"	86—Repairing chairs,	17 60
1484.	"	87—Glazing,	5 10
1485.	"	91 Repairs to roof,	17 00
1486.	An. "	94—Removing school property,	43 00
1487.	"	96—Locks, keys, etc.,	4 50
1488.	"	96—Repairing bells,	22 50
1489.	"	103—Securing slate to wall,	4 00
1490.	"	103—Repairing furnace,	109 74
1491.	"	111—Repairing table, etc.,	2 00
1492.	"	112—Repairing roof,	12 00
1493.	"	113—Repairing bells,	5 50
1494.	"	117—Repairs to clocks,	15 50
1495.	"	118—New truck and halyards,	10 00
1496.	"	129—Slate blackboards,	35 00
1497.	"	130—Leaders, etc.,	22 00
1498.	"	131—Repairing bells, etc.,	34 50
1499.	"	135—Repairing cistern,	6 50
1500.	"	150—Repairing doors, etc.,	8 00
1501.	Boys' High School	—Repairing doors, etc.,	17 00
1502.	Mixed High School	—Repairing gas leak,	10 00
1503.	" " "	—Rubber treads, etc.,	99 00
1504.	Several Schools	—Piano stools,	16 00
1505.	" "	—Janitors' signs,	20 35

Granted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, MAY 9, 1898.

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Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS and MCSWEENY—3.

The Minutes of meeting held May 2d, 1898, were amended on page 272, 11th line from top, by striking out the word "is" and inserting "are". Page 273, by inserting the word "Adopted" after the 7th line from bottom, and upon motion of Dr. MCSWEENY the Minutes as amended were approved.

Public School 5.—From Borough Superintendent Jasper relative to use of portion of playground for classrooms, etc , etc. (See Minutes, pp. 130, 162, 183, 204, 227, 255 and 265.)

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Also communication from Borough Superintendent Jasper submitting a copy of report made by Associate Superintendent Farrell, recommending that desks in Room 40 be reversed in order to place the teacher in command of the door. (See Minutes, pp. 250, 256 and 266.)

Laid over awaiting a further report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 93.—Recommendation from the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth School District that steps be taken at once to renew lease of Parish House of St. Michael's P. E. Church used as an annex to this school. (See Minutes, p. 268.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 121.—Relative to request of the Principal that more rooms on the fourth floor of the school be fitted up for class purposes. (See Minutes, pp. 238, 244, 257 and 266.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that he could not approve of the placing of more than the four classes which are at present accommodated, in the upper story of this building.

Ordered, That the request of the Principal be denied, as in the opinion of this Committee it would be unwise to place more classes on this floor.

Public School 88.—Request from Mr. John King, Inspector Sixth School District, to have stairways of the old building examined, as he does not consider them adequate for use of the second story P. D. (See Minutes, p. 273.)

A report was received from Borough Superintendent Jasper, stating "that it would be desirable to have more ample means "of egress for the boys of the Primary Department," and suggesting "that if feasible, an additional stairway be provided,

" leading from the hallway at the back of the Assembly Room " to the boys' yard which is to be formed out of the new lot " lately acquired on the north side of the school building."

Deputy Superintendent Haskell also reported that he thought it would be wise to provide an additional exit.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that specifications for the necessary work be prepared, estimates obtained and the work done during vacation.

Adopted.

Public School 122.—Application from Miss Louise E. Melior, teacher, endorsed by Miss Jennie B. Merrill, Supervisor of Kindergartens, to use piano in Kindergarten room on alternate Thursdays, from 3 to 4 P. M., for the purpose of taking music lessons.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the request be denied.

Adopted.

Public School 150.—Bill of John H. Fagan for services as acting Janitor for the month of April, 1898, $99.00.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that no permanent Janitor had yet been appointed for this school. Mr. Fagan, Janitor of P. S. 109, is still in charge and entitled to payment for his services for the month of April, 1898, at the rate of $99 per thirteenth payment, the regular salary of the position.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the bill be approved and a report presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation to pay same.

Adopted.

Public School 115.—Application from F. O. Peacock, Janitor, asking for leave of absence June 16th and 17th, 1898.

Granted.

From Borough Superintendent Jasper, submitting analyses of quarterly reports of Boards of Inspectors of the 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 14th, 16th, 27th, 29th, 32d, 33d and 35th School Districts.

From the Board of School Inspectors of the 18th School District, recommending improvements to P. S. 18, 35, and 59.

Referred to the Chairman to peruse and report such items as require attention to this Committee.

Communication from Hon. George Hilliard, Special Deputy Commissioner of Excise, stating that the communication from this Committee in regard to two saloons being within sixty feet of P. S. 6, has been referred to State Commissioner Lyman. (See Minutes, p. 268.)

Placed on file.

Public School 13.—Communication from Miss Helen A. Stein, Principal, stating that none of the bells in her department are in working order, etc.

The Chairman stated that Messrs. Jones & O'Connor, Contractors for erecting new addition, etc., to this building had been notified a number of times by the Superintendent of School Buildings to repair the bell system, but he thought it would be well for this Committee to take action in the matter.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that Messrs. Jones & O'Connor be notified that if the bell system in this building is not put in proper order within three days from date of notice, steps will be taken to have the work done at their expense.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following:

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully state that Edmund W. Hoag, Inspector on P. S. 153, Andrews and Burnside avenues, William H. McCord, Inspector, P. S. 63, Fulton avenue and One hundred and seventy-third street, Otto C. Assenheimer, Inspector, P. S. 12, East Broadway, Scammel, Henry and Gouverneur streets, and John Mallon, Painting Inspector, engaged on work *under the Bond* Account, who were suspended without pay on

the 30th ult., have reported to me that work under their supervision is yet progressing, and they had decided they would prefer to remain thereon and take their own personal responsibility as to payment for services, rather than look for employment elsewhere the labor market at the present time being dull.

It is expressly understood that all responsibility and liability for receipt of wages is assumed by themselves.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

Report accepted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted a communication recommending that a notice be sent to all Janitors authorizing them to use their Order Books after Monday, May 16th, 1898.

Ordered, That the recommendations of the Superintendent be approved and a notice sent to all Janitors authorizing them to use their Order Books on and after May 16th, 1898.

Public School 1.—Dr. MCSWEENY stated that additional school accommodations were greatly needed in the neighborhood of this new school, and if sufficient second-hand furniture could be found to fit up some of the classrooms he thought it would be wise to have the building opened for school sessions as soon as possible, as much time would be lost in the fall in organizing classes, etc.

Mr. Cheney, Furniture Inspector, who was requested to appear, stated that there was sufficient second-hand furniture available to supply all grades except the first and second Primary.

Dr. MCSWEENY then moved that the Committee on Studies be notified that this new building is practically completed ready for occupancy; sufficient second-hand furniture is available to supply all classes, except the first and second Primary grades, and if in the opinion of that Committee it is thought best to organize the school it can be done at once.

Adopted.

Communication from S. J. Munro, Assistant Draughtsman, asking to be excused from duty, with pay, as he had been ordered to report to the 22d Regiment for service in the U. S. Army, being one of the Sergeants in Company H of that Regiment.

Laid over until an opinion is received from the Corporation Counsel relative to excusing, with pay, employees of this Board who have enlisted.

Public School 42.—From Messrs. Blake & Williams, contractors for heating, etc., making a formal demand for the return of certified check deposited with their bid on January 11, 1898.

Laid over.

Messrs. George P. Kenny and H. S. Bergman, sureties on contract of Lipman Abel for removing buildings, grading lots, erecting fences etc., on several lots adjoining school buildings (see Minutes, pp. 106 and 107) requested a hearing before this Committee, which was granted.

The Chairman informed these gentlemen that the condition of the property in question was deplorable and constant complaints are being received from the Department of Health and others as to the unsanitary and dangerous condition of the lots. The contractor had been notified a number of times to complete the contract, also they as sureties had been notified of the conditions existing but to no avail, although promised to see that the work was carried out. Now, no more leniency would be shown; one week would be allowed them to have the work done, and if not completed on Monday, May 16th, 1898, it will be done at their expense, according to estimates which have been received to carry out the specifications.

Both gentlemen agreed to the terms mentioned and promised to have the work satisfactorily done in the time stated.

Public School 85.—Application was received from Mr. W. J. Timmons, endorsed by the Principal of the school, for permission to open the building for a lecture to be given by

Mr. Hutchinson, on "The National Yellowstone Park," some afternoon in the near future, between three and four o'clock.

Ordered, That the application be granted, provided notice is given the Superintendent of School Buildings of the date on which the lecture is to be given.

The Committee approved and signed the following final payments:

Final payment on order on contract of the Buffalo School Furniture Co. for new slates for old school buildings.

P. S. 38, ... $9 45

Final payment on order on contract of the Cleveland School Furniture Co. for new furniture for old school buildings, Item IV.

P. S. 53, ... $16 30

The Committee signed the following payroll:

Inspectors on New School Buildings for four weeks ending April 30th, 1898, ... $2,332 50

The Committee opened the following bids:

Public School 4.

DRINKING SINKS AND SANITARY REPAIRS.

Jos. W. O'Brien, ...	$629
Daniel J. Deady, ...	659
Thos. Brady, ...	685
John Byrns, ...	550
John Harry, ...	525

Public School 19.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Zimdars & Hunt, ...	$502
Electric Installation and Repair Co., . .	636
Hatzel & Buehler, ...	540

Public School 23.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Electric Installation and Repair Co.,	$948
Zimdars & Hunt,	875
N. Y. Electric Equipment Co.,	1,008
Commercial Construction Co.,	960

Public School 59.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Hatzel & Buehler,	$660
Electric Installation and Repair Co.,	873
J. P. Hall,	635
Commercial Construction Co.,	585
Zimdars & Hunt,	618
Chas. S. Eidlitz,	1,203

Public School 104.

CONCRETING CELLAR, NEW YARD, ETC.

Christopher Nally Co.,	$949
Hartman & Horgan,	969
Thos. Brady,	710
Daniel J. Deady,	1,397

The awards were made to the lowest bidders in each case, as follows :

App. No.		
1543.	P. S. 4—John Harry,	$525 00
1544.	" 19—Zimdars & Hunt,	502 00
1545.	" 23—Zimdars & Hunt,	875 00
1546.	" 59—Commercial Construction Co.,	585 00
1547.	" 104—Thomas Brady,	710 00

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid :

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App'n. No.		
1507.	P. S. 5—Repairing doors and windows,	$8 00
1508.	" 5— " watercloset tanks,	9 75
1509.	" 14—Relining furnace,	127 00
1510.	" 16—Repairing clock,	2 00
1511.	" 23—Boiler tubes,	442 00
1512.	" 25—Locks, etc.,	6 50
1513.	" 32—Gas fixtures,	19 25
1514.	" 32—Sash,	19 00
1515.	" 37—Latches on gates, etc.,	14 00
1516.	" 37—Clearing drain,	20 00
1517.	" 38—Repairing furniture, etc.,	9 75
1518.	" 39— " supply pipe,	10 00
1519.	" 42— " leaders,	6 00
1520.	" 42— " floors,	48 00
1521.	" 44—Electric fixtures,	50 00
1522.	" 44—Repairing furniture,	58 00
1523.	" 46—Glazing,	10 66
1524.	" 54—Repairs, painting, etc.,	23 00
1525.	" 57—Glazing,	6 85
1526.	" 67—Repairing belt,	7 00
1527.	" 76—Supply pipe, etc.,	20 00
1528.	" 90—Rearranging furniture, etc.,	4 50
1529.	" 94—Repairing watercloset tanks, etc.,	16 00
1530.	" 96—Electric light wiring,	130 00
1531.	" 96—Alterations to janitor's apartments	669 00
1532.	" 101—Repairing sash, locks, etc.,	7 00
1533.	" 101—New door,	18 00
1534.	" 107—Watercloset tanks, etc.,	10 00
1535.	" 107—Linoleum and carpet,	45 60
1536.	" 110—Clearing water main,	6 50
1537.	" 118—Repairing locks, etc.,	3 00
1538.	" 130—Letter drop,	5 00
1539.	" 141—Padlocks for gates, etc.,	5 00
1540.	" 155—Chains, holders and cups,	32 00
1541.	" 146—Repairing roof,	11 00
1542.	" *156—New gong, etc.,*	14 00

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary

MONDAY, MAY 16, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. LITTLE and MCSWEENY—3.

Upon motion of Dr. MCSWEENY, the Minutes of the meeting held May 9th, 1898, were approved.

Public School 5.—From Borough Superintendent Jasper relative to use of portion of playground for classrooms, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 130, 162, 183, 204, 227, 255, 265 and 279.)

Ordered, That the item be dropped from the Calendar.

Communication from Mrs. M. G. Van Rensselaer, President of the Public Education Association, for permission to have opened during the summer months, for the use of children and their mothers, such portions of Public School buildings in the crowded districts of the city, as may furnish safe and quiet places for rest and recreation. (See Minutes, pp. 189, 207, 229, 243, 256, 265 and 279.)

Ordered, That the matter be dropped from the Calendar, as since the bill permitting use of playgrounds, etc., in Public School buildings has passed the Legislature, the question as to which buildings can be used for the purpose during the coming vacation is receiving attention.

Letter from Jacob A. Riis, referred from the Committee on Studies. (See Minutes, pp. 172, 187, 205, 244, 256, 265 and 279.)

Ordered, That the item be dropped from the Calendar for the same reason as above stated.

Dr. McSweeny moved that a resolution be presented to the Board reciting the above facts, and stating that a report will be presented as soon as the school buildings which can be used for such purposes during the summer months can be ascertained.

Adopted.

Public School 42.—From the Committee on Studies endorsing recommendations of Borough Superintendent Jasper, that the position of desks in Rooms 30, 33 and 40 F. D., be changed in order to secure the safety of the children. (See Minutes, pp. 212, 230, 244, 256, 266 and 280.)

Also communication from Borough Superintendent Jasper submitting a copy of report made by Associate Superintendent Farrell, recommending that desks in Room 40 be reversed in order to place the teacher in command of the door. (See Minutes, pp. 250, 256, 266 and 280.)

Ordered, That the item be dropped from the Calendar as it has been noticed that the matter, which was referred to the Committee on Studies, has been dropped from the Calendar of that Committee. (See Minutes Committee on Studies, p. 84.)

From Borough Superintendent Jasper, submitting analyses of quarterly reports of Boards of Inspectors of the Fifth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, Fourteenth, Sixteenth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-ninth, Thirty-second, Thirty-third and Thirty-fifth School Districts. (See Minutes, p. 281.)

From Board of School Inspectors Eighteenth School District, recommending improvements to P. S. 18, 35 and 59. (See Minutes, p. 282.)

The Chairman presented the following items taken from the above, which should receive attention:

18th District—P. S. 59.—Inspectors recommend that street in front of the school be asphalted.

The Chairman reported that this matter had already received attention. (See Minutes, p. 250.)

29th District—P. S. 43, 46, 68 and 89.—From Inspectors, urging the necessity for asphalting streets and avenues adjacent to these buildings.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board referring the matter to the Department of Highways, and calling attention to the necessity for the improvements.

The remainder of the analyses was laid over.

Public School 42.—From Messrs. Blake & Williams, contractors for heating, etc., making a formal demand for the return of certified check deposited with their bid on January 11, 1898.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on By-Laws, as other communications of the same nature were now before it.

Adopted.

Public School 93.—Recommendation from the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth School District that steps be taken at once to renew lease of Parish House of St. Michael's P. E. Church used as an annex to this school. (See Minutes, pp. 268 and 280.)

Laid over, awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 103.—Request from Miss S. J. Burke, Principal, to have sewing room and two modeling rooms fitted up as classrooms.

Referred to the Committee on Studies.

Matter of contract of Lipman Abel for removing buildings, grading lots, erecting fences, etc., on several lots adjoining school buildings. (See Minutes, pp. 106, 107 and 284.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that nothing had yet been done towards fencing lots, etc., adjoining P. S. 34, 88 and 120, but at P. S. 11, a builder, who used the lot adjoining the school, had erected a rough plank fence. He further submitted an agreement between Kenny and Bergman, sureties on contract of Lipman Abel, and H. Pohl, to complete

From the Committee on Special Schools, enclosing a communication from Mr. William W. Locke, submitting a list of repairs, etc., required at the Truant School, No. 215 East Twenty-first street. (See Minutes, p. 295.)

Ordered, That this list be referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell to carry out the suggestions where found necessary.

Public School 155.—From James P. Haney, Supervisor of Manual Training, transmitting a request from the Principal for one dozen hardwood chairs for workshop, and recommending that request be granted. (See Minutes, pp. 190, 207 and 230.)

Mr. EUSTIS moved that as money for this purpose is now available, the request be granted.

Adopted.

Communication from S. J. Munro, Assistant Draughtsman, asking to be excused from duty, with pay, as he had been ordered to report to the 22d Regiment for service in the U. S. Army, being one of the Sergeants in Company H of that Regiment. (See Minutes, p. 284.)

Laid over.

Public School 28.—Complaint made by one of the Inspectors of the Building Bureau that the Janitor was absent from duty on May 18th, 1898, from one to two o'clock P. M.

Mr. James M. Dewitt, Inspector, appeared before the Committee and was heard.

Mr. David G. Robinson, Janitor, also appeared and admitted the charge.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Mr. Robinson be fined three days' pay for neglect of duty in having absented himself from the school building on May 18th from one to two o'clock P. M., which is a violation of the rules governing the duties of Janitors.

Adopted.

Public School 94.—From the Committee on Studies endorsing the recommendation from Borough Superintendent Jasper,

that streets in front of main building and annex, be paved with asphalt.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board referring the matter to the Department of Highways.

Public School 12.—Communication was received from the the Committee on Studies, as follows (see Minutes, pp. 48 and 67):

"Referring to your communication of January 25, 1898, to "the Committee on Studies, relative to renumbering P. S. 12, "No. 371 Madison street, when new building at Henry, Scammel "and Gouverneur streets is finished, and with reference to aban- "doning P. S. 31, No. 200 Monroe street, it was decided to re- "commend that the new school building at Henry, Scammel "and Gouverneur streets be designated as P. S. 47, and that it "consist of two departments—a Female Grammar Department "and a Mixed Primary Department, and that P. S. 12 be re- "tained as a boys' school exclusively, and that P. S. 31 be re- "tained for use as a Mixed Primary School."

Laid over.

Public School 116.—From Deputy Superintendent Haskell, calling attention to the fact that this Janitor was directed to move from his apartments in the building on March 15, 1898 (see Minutes, p. 69), and a rent allowance of $299 per year was fixed, to take effect from that date (see Minutes, p. 87), but up to the present time the Janitor still remains in the building. Further, that the contract for necessary alterations, etc., has been let, but probably the work can not be done before vacation.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the action of this Committee in ordering this Janitor to vacate living apartments in the school building and fixing a rent allowance of $299 to take effect March 15, 1898, be rescinded.

Adopted.

Mr. EUSTIS than moved that the Janitor be ordered to vacate

his apartments in the school building on or before July 1, 1898, and the rent allowance of $299 be made available from that date.

Adopted.

Public School 128.—Communication from William H. Kennelly, Janitor, resigning his position, to take effect May 19, 1898.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported having directed James D. Keenan, Janitor of P. S. 39, to take charge of the building until a regular Janitor is appointed.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved and the resignation of Mr. Kennelly accepted.

Public Schools 34 and 151.—Communication from The Manhattan Supply Co. offering to make a deduction of $13.20 on contract for furniture, Item II. (13 teachers' desks), P. S. 151, and $7.60 on contract for furniture Item I. (19 teachers' desks), P. S. 34, on account of non-compliance with the specifications requiring ash in drawers of desks.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that this deduction was reasonable, as the wood used in the drawers of desks was practically as good as that called for in the specifications.

Ordered, That the deduction as suggested by contractors, be made.

Public Schools 11 and 53.—Applications from Janitors for increase in salaries on account of living apartments having been altered for school purposes.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that according to the By-Laws these Janitors were entitled to an increase in their salaries, as follows:

School.	Annual Salary.	Increase.	To take effect.
P. S. 11.	$1,716.	$26.	Feb. 1, '98
P. S. 53.	2,249.	52.	May 15, '98

Granted.

Public School 87.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported having given permission to Mr. Edwin A. Daniels, 1st

Assistant, to use a classroom in the building for two hours on Saturday, May 21, 1898, for a class.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

The following communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings, which was ordered printed in the Minutes:

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN:—I am in receipt of notices from several contractors, as per list following, of their intention to start work under various contracts for new school buildings, which in some cases has been suspended owing to their inability to obtain money from the Comptroller:

T. Mahoney & Sons, Public School 164, One hundred and forty-first street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues. To start work May 17th, 1898.

Luke A. Burke, Public School 158, Seventy-seventh and Seventy-eighth streets, and Avenue A. May 16th, 1898. Asks to have an Inspector sent to the building immediately.

Herman Probst, Public School 102, City Island and Public School 169, Audubon avenue, One hundred and sixty-eighth and One hundred and sixty-ninth streets. May 18th, 1898.

Harry McNally, Public School 12, East Broadway, Scammel, Henry and Gouverneur streets, and Public School 165, One hundred and eighth and One hundred and ninth streets, between Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard. May 16th, 1898.

McCabe Brothers, Public School 157, St. Nicholas avenue and One hundred and Twenty-seventh street. May 9th, 1898.

Thomas Cockerill & Son, Hall of the Board of Education, Fifty-ninth street and Park avenue. Work not actually stopped but proceeding with a very small force of men.

P. J. Walsh, Public School 159, One hundred and nineteenth and One hundred and twentieth streets, between Second and Third avenues, and Public School 40, Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, between First and Second avenues. May 23d, 1898. Asks to have Inspectors sent to the buildings.

I beg to call your attention to the fact that owing to our Inspectors on new school buildings, whose wages were paid from the Bond Account, having been suspended, for the reason that time within which appropriation could be made available had elapsed, we will be obliged to allow this work to proceed without the supervision of Inspectors stationed on the buildings.

It is expected that other notices will be received during the week.

Respectfully,

C. B. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

The Chairman reported that at the last meeting former actions of this Committee in signing payrolls for Assistant Draughtsmen on High School work were rescinded and a new roll signed. This was necessitated on account of there being no money to pay wages of these Draughtsmen (see Minutes, p. 295), and moved that a report be presented to the Board requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to set aside from High School Bonds, the sum of $2,000 for payment of wages of Draughtsmen employed in the preparation of plans for new High Schools; also for surveys, borings, supplies, etc.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings suggested that the following appropriations be rescinded and amounts returned to the several funds, as work was not executed and orders have been cancelled:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, WARD SCHOOLS, REPAIRS, ACCOUNT, 1896.

Min. '96.

P. 250. Appropriation No. 106.—Grammar School 32, Sanitary work, ... $150.

P. 266. Appropriation No. 134.—Grammar School 36, Covering risers, ... 10.

P. 250. Appropriation No. 107.—Grammar School 28, Plumbing work, ... 200.

Min. '96.
P. 411. Appropriation No. 570.—Primary School 21, Sink, ... 36.
P. 394. Appropriation No. 530.—Grammar School 64, Leader drain, etc., ... 105.
P. 411. Appropriation No. 552.—Grammar School 10, Ash strips, etc., ... 11.20

BUILDINGS' CONTINGENT FUND, ACCOUNT, 1896.

Min. '96.
P. 333. Appropriation No. 191. Grammar School 54. —Repairing gas leaks, etc., ... $34.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the appropriations be rescinded and the amounts returned to the several funds.

Adopted.

Communication from the Hon. Augustus Sherman, Secretary of the State Prison Commission, stating that it has been determined to manufacture at Auburn Prison for the use of the Public Schools, such furniture as may be required, and in order to determine what style and qualities are best fitted for the use of the several cities within the State, it has been deemed best for you to be represented at the meeting of the Committee of the Board of Classification, to be held at the prison office in the City of Auburn, on Thursday, May 26, 1898, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. EUSTIS stated that from the experience already had with the State Prison Commission, charges made for furniture, etc., he believed it to be of great importance that we be represented at the meeting of the Board of Classification, and moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to attend, if possible, in behalf of this Committee.

Adopted.

Public Schools 7 and 136.—From the Board of Inspectors of the Second School District, stating that the main room in P. S. 136 accommodates at present ten half-day classes which are separated by green baize curtains suspended from rods, and sug-

gesting that they be divided by partitions, which could also be made to afford the greatly needed additional blackboard facilities. Also that a new piano be furnished to P. S. 7.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell stated that the contract for erecting these partitions, etc., was awarded by this Committee to-day and the work would be carried out during the coming vacation.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board stating the facts in regard to P. S. 136 and also that there is no money available for a piano for P. S. 7.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell submitted the following communication in regard to the use of playgrounds in school building for recreation purposes during the coming vacation, which was ordered printed in the Minutes and laid over:

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

GENTLEMEN: With reference to the matter of providing "Recreation Playgrounds" during the coming Summer on the premises of various School Buildings, I beg to report as follows:

The following schools south of One hundred and twenty-fifth street have been designated for the location of vacation schools:

Public Schools 1, 7, 13, 30, 34, 38, 73, 122, 127.

The following schools, located south of One hundred and twenty-fifth street will have extensive repairs during the coming vacation:

Public Schools 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 36, 41, 45, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 67, 69, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 82, 87, 88, 92, 96, 103, 106, 108, 114, 116, 121, 124, 125, 126, 130, 134, 135, 136, 137, 140, 141, 161 and 162, Boys' High School, Girls' High School.

The following schools located north of One hundred and twenty-fifth street will have extensive repairs during the coming vacation:

Public Schools 43, 52, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 85, 89, 95, 101, 132, 139, 143, and Mixed High School, also P.S. 145.

The following schools located south of One hundred and twenty-fifth street will have but small repairs, and which will not interfere with part or of all the premises as the case may be, and the buildings have not been designated for any specific use during the coming summer:

Public School 2—116 Henry street, near Pike.
" " 4—203 Rivington street, corner Ridge.
" " 9—82d street, corner West End avenue.
" " 10—117th street and St. Nicholas avenue.
" " 12—371 Madison street, near Scammel.
" " 15—728 Fifth street, near Avenue C.
" " 16—208 West 13th street, near 7th avenue.
" " 20—160 Chrystie street, near Delancey.
" " 24—Madison Hall, 58 East 125th street.
" " 25—330 Fifth street, near 3d avenue.
" " 31—200 Monroe street, near Montgomery.
" " 37—113 East 87th street.
" " 40—225 East 23d street.
" " 42—30 Allen street, near Hester.
" " 44—Corner N. Moore and Varick streets.
" " 48—124 West 28th street.
" " 49—237 East 37th street.
" " 56—351-355 West 18th street.
" " 57—176 East 115th street.
" " 70—207 East 75th street.
" " 78—Pleasant avenue and 119th street.
" " 80—225-229 West 41st street.
" " 84—430 West 50th street.
" " 86—96th street, Lexington avenue.
" " 93—93d street and Amsterdam avenue.
" " 94—68th street and Amsterdam avenue.
" " 104—413 East 16th street.
" " 105—269-271 East 4th street.
" " 107—274 West 10th street.

Public School 109—1913 Second avenue, corner 99th street.
" " 110—28 Cannon street, near Broome.
" " 111—31 Vestry street, near Hudson.
" " 112—83-85 Roosevelt street, near New Chambers.
" " 113—7-11 Downing street, near Bleecker.
" " 117—170 East 77th street.
" " 120—187 Broome street, near Clinton.
" " 123—263-265 West 124th street.
" " 128—179-181 East 124th street.
" " 129—Pelham avenue, Bronxdale.
" " 131—272 East 2d street.
" " 149—182-184 Cherry street.
" " 150—316-318 East 96th street.
" " 151—91st street and 1st avenue.
" " 163—509 East 120th street, near Pleasant avenue.

Also the following school buildings located north of One hundred and twenty-fifth street.

Public School 5—141st street and Edgecombe avenue.
" 39—235 East 125th street.
" 46—156th street, between 9th and 10th avenues.
" 62—157th street and Courtlandt avenue.
" 66—Church street, Kingsbridge.
" 68—116 West 128th street.
" 81—Bedford Park, Briggs and Bainbridge Aves.
" 90—163d street and Eagle avenue.
" 91—Highbridge, East end.
" 97—2d avenue, Westchester.
" 98—Park avenue and 2d street, Williamsbridge.
" 99—Eastern Boulevard, Throgg's Neck.
" 100—Westchester Turnpike, nr. Classon Point Rd.
" 115—501 Courtlandt avenue, near 147th street.
" 118—Clinton avenue, Woodlawn.
" 119—135th street, near 8th avenue.
" 138—11th street and White Plains avenue, Williamsbridge.
" 146—Spuyten Duyvil.

Public School 148—5th ave. nr. Kingsbridge Rd., Eastchester.
" 152—Union avenue and 149th street.
" 154—St. Ann's avenue, between 147th and 148th streets.
" 155—Anthony avenue, between Tremont avenue and Popham Place.
" 156—Cypress avenue and 135th and 136th streets.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. HASKELL,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell submitted a communication from the Department of Health in regard to the unsanitary condition of premises No. 335 East One hundred and fourth street, stating that this is one of the buildings located on site for new Public School 168, One hundred and fourth and One hundred and fifth streets, between First and Second avenues, the contract for which is now before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Further, at the time this work was advertised, the Comptroller was requested to give the Board possession of the property in forty days, as it was then thought the Board of Estimate and Apportionment would approve of the contract without delay and the work could be commenced in about that time, and possession was therefore given. As yet the Board of Estimate has not approved the contract and therefore the buildings are standing idle. A former tenant of No. 330 East One hundred and fifth street is still on the premises and looks after all the buildings.

Ordered, That a communication be addressed to the Comptroller, stating the above facts and requesting him to take charge of the property and collect revenue therefrom, until such time as the contract for the new school building can be executed.

Communication from Miss S. J. Nicolai and Miss M. Augusta Requa, stating that conferences on Physical Education will be held in P. S. 19 and 41, Wednesday, May 25th; P. S. 58 and

76, Thursday, May 26th; P. S. 10 and 75, Tuesday, May 31st, and P. S. 85, Wednesday, June 1st, 1898, and requesting that Janitors be notified. (See Minutes, p. 170.)

Ordered, That the Janitors be notified as requested.

The Chairman reported having signed the following specifications in approval for the Committee:

Alterations and repairs, P. S. 5, 43, 46 and Annex and 89.

Installing an electric light Plant, P. S. 67.

Signed May 23d, 1898.

P. S. 63. -New furniture.

P. S. 13.—Addition. New furniture.

P. S. 102.—New furniture.

Mixed High School.—Building retaining wall, grading, etc., One hundred and fifty-seventh street and Third avenue.

Glass for Public Schools in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

Improving the sanitary condition of P. S. 15, 92 and 140.

Improving the sanitary condition of P. S. 19, 25 and 36.

Signed May 24th, 1898.

Ordered, That the action of the Chairman be approved.

The Committee granted extensions of time on the following contracts:

Public School 151.—Manhattan Supply Co.—Furniture, Item. I.; dated August 4th, 1897; extended to May 3d, 1898.

Public School 156.—Cleveland School Furniture Co.—Furniture, Item II.; dated August 10th, 1897; extended to May 5th, 1898.

The Committee approved and signed the following final payments:

Public School	151.—Manhattan Supply Co.—Furniture, Item I., . . .	$490
" "	156.—Cleveland School Furniture Co. —Furniture, Item II., .	255

The Committee signed the following payroll:

INSPECTORS, ONE WEEK ENDING MAY 21ST, 1898.

Repairs,	$189
Sanitary,	108
Furniture,	75
Heating and ventilating,	54
	$426

The Committee opened the following bids:

Public School 17.—New furniture:

Richmond School Furniture Co.,	$633 00
C. Roehr & Sons,	734 33

The award was made to the lowest bidder, as follows:

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App. No. 4.

P. S. 17—Richmond School Furniture Co., $633 00

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.			
1625.	P. S.	9.—Repairing door checks and springs,	$9 00
1626.	"	11.—New water closet,	18 00
1627.	"	14.—Gas fixtures,	14 00
1628.	"	27.—Connecting signal box,	22 00
1629.	"	50.—Keys, hooks, etc.,	13 00
1630.	"	52.—Repairing fence and cellar flaps,	189 00
1631.	"	58.—Sash and frame,	12 00
1632.	"	58.—Glazing, etc.,	7 50
1633.	"	76.—Supply closets, etc.,	54 50
1634.	"	84.—Glazing,	5 45
1635.	"	85.—Bracing fence, changing doors, etc.,	475 00
1636.	"	88.—Gas pendants,	22 00
1637.	"	90.—Window boxes and molding,	21 00

App. No.

1638. P. S. 91.—Partition, changing door, etc., . $37 00
1639. " 119.—Clearing drain and sanitary repairs, 29 00
1640. " 125.—Window boxes, ... 4 75
1641. " 133.—Repairing gongs, ... 10 00
1642. " 136.—New water closet, ... 14 75
1643. " 148.—Removal cellar door, etc., . . 4 00

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App. No.

1. P. S. 30.—Repairing desks, ... $8 75
2. " 71.—New desks, ... 259 00
3. " 161.—Repairing furniture . . . 10 25

Granted.

The Superintendent asked that appropriations be made to pay the following bills, incurred on verbal orders issued by his authority, or where prices are fixed, etc.:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS—REPAIRS. ACCOUNT OF 1896.

App. No.

1846. Henry Reubert, Dec. 24/96.—Tuning piano, P. S. 69, ... $1 75

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.

1644. J. Warren Mead (Agt. and Warden, Auburn Prison).—Mar. 16, '98; Chair, Hall, B/E, . $6 00
1645. Wm. Anderson.—May 14, '98; Halyards, P. S. 64, 2 00
1646. P. Greene.—Apr. 23, '98; Repairing teachers' closets, P. S. 53, ... 3 65
1647. George W. Hudson.—Feb. 3, '98; Repairing valve, etc., P. S. 138, ... 5 60
1648. A. Hafelin.—May 9, '98; Tuning piano, P. S. 26, 1 25
1649. " May 10, '98, piano string, P. S. 84, . 50
1650. " May 11, 98; Tuning piano, P. S. 28, 1 25
1651. Frank Jeckel.—Feb. 4, '98; Window guards, locks, etc., P. S. 58, ... 22 00

App. No.

1652.	Charles Lurch.—May 9, 98; Tuning, etc., piano, P. S. 19,	$3 75
1653.	Wm. Lohmann.—May 7,'98; Piano string, P.S. 163	50
1654.	" May 9, Tuning pianos, P. S. 135,	2 50
1655.	Thos. Malloy.—Mar. 18, '98; Cleaning, etc., gas stove, P. S. 6,	2 37
1656.	P. Sullivan.—May 11, '98; Lock, etc., P. S. 79,	3 00
1657.	" May 11, 98; Flag fixture, etc., P.S. 36	5 60
1658.	" May 11, '98; Lock, etc., P. S. 34,	3 30
1659.	J. F. Valois.—May 17, '98; Tuning piano, P. S. 154,	1 25

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the bills be approved and appropriations made.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 3.30 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LITTLE and MCSWEENY—4.

In response to an advertisement inserted in the *City Record* for ten days soliciting proposals for making alterations, repairs, etc., to Public Schools 7, 19, 22, 23, 29, 36, 71, 75, 79, 92 and 108, the following bids were received:

	P. S. 7	P. S. 19	P. S. 22	P. S. 23	P. S. 29	P. S. 36	P. S. 71	P. S. 75	P. S. 79	P. S. 92	P. S. 108
1. P. H. Kennedy,	$573										
2. I. Hoffman,	777			$2,371	$1,212					$1,791	.
3. Henry White, Jr.,	375				775						
4. William Jameson,		$3,220		2,670	1,150				$3,200	1,794	
5. John Law,				2,858	1,163						
6. Christopher Nally Co.,	397	3,575	$1,000	3,967	1,373	$3,900	$1,634	$1,993	2,300	1,951	$1,225
7. James Hamilton,	555	4,449	849	3,115	1,597	3,419	1,847	1,964	3,897	2,110	
8. George H. Taber,					1,946						
9. Neptune B. Smyth,				3,394	1,295					2,015	
10. William Klein,			688			2,885	1,400				
11. Charles Schultz,	510				1,750					1,950	
12. Charles C. Langham,	665	3,555				4,263	2,000	2,091	2,995		
13. Barnett Hamburger,				2,615							
14. Ryan & McFerran,	395	5,579	1,417		2,855	4,930	1,687	1,841	4,417	5,137	1,141
15. Mahony Bros,	350	3,900	890	2,650	1,160	3,970	1,950	2,033	2,950	2,150	940
16. Erskine & McGregor,	325			3,600	1,710						
17. Jesper P. Hansen,		3,489	955						3,139	2,180	
18. Brown & Makay,	485	3,594	3,496								
19. John H. Goetschius,		3,294	1,070	3,685		3,549	1,893	2,075	2,891		2,020
20. Jennings & Welstead,		3,143	925			3,332	1,731		2,715	2,118	
21 Jennings & Welstead,	490			2,950	1,504			1,748			1,460
22. Patrick Sullivan,	393	2,988	875	2,656	1,284	3,329	1,850	1,864	2,897	1,579	992
23. Alfred Nugent & Son,	700		1,000							1,150	1,149
24. Murdo Tolmie,	406	3,508	688	2,555	1,517	2,487	1,297	1,527	3,708	1,090	718
25. Charles Wille,				2,968							

Public School 22.—When bids for this school were opened it was noticed that those of Murdo Tolmie and William Klein were the same, and also the lowest figure received. As Mr. Tolmie received the award for five other schools, on motion of Mr. LITTLE the contract was awarded to William Klein.

The award in each case was made to the lowest bidder, as follows:

Public School	7—Erskine & McGregor,	. . .	$325
" "	19—Patrick Sullivan,	. . . .	2,988
" "	22—William Klein,	. . . .	688
" "	23—I. Hoffman,	. . . .	2,371
" "	29—Henry White, Jr.,	. . .	775
" "	36—Murdo Tolmie,	. . . .	2,487
" "	71— " "	. . . .	1,297
" "	75— " "	. . . .	1,527
" "	79—Christopher Nally Co.,	. . .	2,300
" "	92—Murdo Tolmie,	. . . .	1,090
" "	108— " "	. . . .	718

Public School 143.—Relative to statement of Mrs. Rush, Inspector Thirty-second School District, that Janitor should receive a rent allowance, etc. (See Minutes, p. 304.)

Laid over.

Public School 93.—Recommendation from the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth School District that steps be taken at once to renew lease of Parish House of St. Michael's P. E. Church, used as an annex to this school. (See Minutes, pp. 268, 280, 291 and 305.)

The Chairman reported that he had called upon Mr. Thomas A. Fulton, Superintendent of the St. Michael's Parish Church property, and submitted a letter from him to the effect that they were willing to lease the building for a further period of one year, if the Board of Education so desired.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board requesting the Board of Education to take the necessary steps to renew the lease for a further term of one year under the same conditions now prevailing.

Public School 103.—Request from Miss S. J. Burke, Principal, to have sewing room and two modeling rooms fitted up as classrooms. (See Minutes, pp. 291 and 305.)

Laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Studies.

Matter of contract of Lipman Abel for removing buildings, grading lots, erecting fences, etc., on several lots adjoining school buildings. (See Minutes, pp. 106, 107, 284, 291 and 305.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that some progress was being made on this work, and that one of the sureties on contract had called asking for leniency on account of the weather being unfavorable for carrying on such work.

Laid over.

High Schools.—Matter of hiring premises No. 59 67 West Tenth street as an annex. (See Minutes, pp. 292 and 305)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell stated that the Board of Examiners of the Department of Buildings had denied the petition to use these buildings for school purposes.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board stating the facts and asking to be excused from further consideration of these buildings for High School purposes.

Communication from S. J. Munro, Assistant Draughtsman, asking to be excused from duty with pay, as he had been ordered to report to the Twenty-second Regiment for service in the United States Army, being one of the Sergeants in Company H of that regiment. (See Minutes, pp. 284 and 306.)

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board, to be considered in connection with the report of Committee on By-Laws and Legislation, before which Committee several similar communications are now pending.

Public School 12.—Communication from the Committee on Studies relative to designating new school building, East Broadway, Scammel, Henry and Gouverneur streets, as Public School *47.* (See Minutes, pp. 48, 67 and 307.)

Mr. EUSTIS moved that a communication be sent to the Committee on Studies to the effect that in the opinion of this Committee it is not advisable to number the building in question either 12 or 47, as in the first instance there is a building already in existence bearing that number. In the second, 47 still remains on the building now used as the Girls' High School, which will doubtless be again used for school purposes as soon as abandoned by the High School. It would, therefore, seem much more appropriate to designate this new building by the first number available, for instance, P. S. 144 or P. S. 147.

Adopted.

Communication from Deputy Superintendent Haskell in regard to use of playgrounds in school buildings for recreation purposes during the coming vacation. (See Minutes, page 312.)

After the matter was thoroughly considered it was decided to report to the Board giving the following list of schools below One hundred and twenty-fifth street, where the repairs to be carried on during the summer vacation, if any, will be so slight as not to interfere with their use:

Public School 2, No. 116 Henry street.
" " 16, " 208 West 13th street.
" " 25, " 330 Fifth street, near Third avenue.
" " 37, " 113 East 87th street.
" " 48, " 124 West 28th street.
" " 49, " 237 East 37th street.
" " 56, " 351–355 West 18th street.
" " 57, " 176 East 115th street.
" " 75, Addition, No. 37 Hester street.
" " 84, No. 430 West 50th street.
" " 104, " 413 East 16th street.
" " 105, " 269–271 East Fourth street.
" " 107, " 274 West Tenth street.
" " 112, " 83–85 Roosevelt street.
" " 117, " 170 East 77th street.
" " 120, " 187 Broome street.
" " 128, " 179–181 East 124th street.
" " 131, " 272 East Second street.

Further, to recommend that if the School Board accepts the offer of any responsible Association to defray the expenses of maintaining the playgrounds during the summer vacation, all propositions in regard to compensation for Janitors, etc., should be made through that Board.

Communication from Messrs. Brown & Makay withdrawing their bids for repairs and alterations to Public Schools 96 and 135, and stating that they had made a mistake in adding up the different sums submitted by subcontractors.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Finance, with the suggestion that if upon presenting contracts for signature, Messrs. Brown & Makay still refuse to execute same their certified checks be forfeited.

Adopted.

Public School 30.—Recommendation from the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-sixth School District, that one or two of the large rooms on fifth floor be partitioned off and fitted up as classrooms, etc. (See Minutes, page 269.)

A communication was received from the Committee on Studies approving the recommendation of the Inspectors.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell stated that two rooms could be divided as suggested, thus making four classrooms, at a cost of about $750.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the request of the Inspectors be granted and the matter referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell to prepare plans, etc., for the necessary work.

Adopted.

Public School 31.—Communication from John J. Malone, Janitor, resigning his position.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported having notified John J. Merrifield, Janitor of Public School 92, to take charge as acting Janitor from June 1st, 1898, until further notice.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Public School 168.—Communication from P. J. Walsh, contractor new school building, One hundred and fourth and One hundred and fifth streets, between First and Second avenues, demanding legal interest on certified check, deposited with his bid on January 11th, 1898.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Borough Board stating the facts in the case, and the communication placed on file.

Public School 51.—Communication from Miss Katherine A. McCann, Principal P. D., relative to the presence of a mechanical contrivance or machine, the property of the Grammar boys, in vacant lot adjoining the school, which she considers a menace to the safety of the children.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that he had visited the school and saw nothing that he would term a mechanical contrivance or a machine, but found a horizontal bar in the yard, which the Principal considered dangerous for the small boys in her department to use. She further stated that it was not the presence of these bars which caused her to communicate with this Committee, but she desired to be relieved from any responsibility should an accident occur to any of the boys in her charge.

Ordered, That Miss McCann be notified that this Committee does not consider a horizontal bar a mechanical contrivance or machine; also that the yard in question will be improved during the coming vacation, which will do away with these appliances.

Public School 83.—From Joseph J. Casey, Principal, asking to be allowed to use room formerly used as Janitor's kitchen, instead of room on fifth floor, recently fitted up for him, on account of deficiency of light, etc.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the light in room occupied by the Principal was not of the best and to enlarge the window would mar the appearance of the front of the building. The room formerly used as a Janitor's kitchen

could be altered at a slight expense and utilized for the purpose desired.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the request of the Principal be granted and the matter referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell to have necessary work done.

Adopted.

Communication from the Committee on Teachers submitting to this Committee suggestions contained in analyses of Inspectors' reports.

The Chairman stated that all matters contained in this communication have already been referred to this Committee by Borough Superintendent Jasper, and have all received attention.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell submitted a communication from Charles C. Burlingham asking why the Minutes of this Committee were sent out in two-cent stamped envelopes instead of one-cent wrappers as formerly, and stated that at present we are unable to get either postage stamps or one-cent stamped envelopes, the two-cent stamped envelopes being obtained from the Supply Committee, as they are on the supply list.

Mr. Little moved that the Committee on Supplies be requested to furnish the Building Bureau a quantity of one-cent stamped envelopes for the purpose mentioned.

Adopted.

The following communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings, ordered printed in the Minutes and placed on file until such time as the Superintendent is able to make a further and more definite report (See Minutes, p. 311):

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

Gentlemen: Acting in accordance with the authority conferred upon me by the President of the Board of Education, and in compliance with the request of your Committee, I attended the

meeting of the State Board of Classification held at Auburn, N. Y., on Thursday last.

The meeting was called to consider the question of the manufacture of school furniture for the use of Public Schools of the State, it being the duty of said Board "to fix and determine "prices at which all labor performed and all articles manufactured "and furnished, etc., shall be furnished; also to fix and deter- "mine the styles, patterns, designs and qualities of the articles "to be manufactured, etc., in the State Prisons, Reformatories "and Penitentiaries * * * may be furnished to the State," etc., etc.

A final agreement as to prices could not be arrived at, and the Board adjourned to meet at this office as soon as they have completed a full line of samples and forwarded them here for inspection and approval. In this I have gained the point upon which I have been insistent, that of having samples forwarded here and placed side by side with articles purchased in the open market, when a just comparison of quality and price can be made.

During a conference with the Board the question of the interpretation of Section 107 of Chapter 429 of the Laws of 1896, as amended by Chapter 623 of the Laws of 1897, was brought forward, particularly as regards the following:

"Said Board shall fix and determine the prices at which all "labor performed, and all articles manufactured and furnished "to the State, or the political divisions thereof, or to the public "institutions thereof, shall be furnished, which prices shall be "uniform to all, except that the prices for goods and labor fur- "nished by the penitentiaries to or for the county in which they "are located, or the political divisions thereof, shall be fixed by "the Board of Supervisors of such counties, *except New York "and Kings Counties, in which the prices shall be fixed by the "Commissioners of Charities and Correction, respectively.*"

The question was raised as to whether or not the Commissioners of Charities can fix the price for articles manufactured in Auburn and Sing Sing Prisons and furnished to this City; the majority of the Board of Classification hold, however, that the

power to fix the prices as far as concerns the goods manufactured in these two prisons rests with their Board and not with the Charities Commissioners.

I made a careful and thorough inspection of their plant for the manufacture of school desks and also succeeded in ascertaining the exact cost of production to them, including charges for freight, cartage, setting up, etc., which we can figure as accurately as they.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 7.—The CHAIRMAN stated that at the last meeting of this Committee (see Minutes, p. 312) in report in regard to piano for the Female Department of this school we were in error in saying there were no funds for the purpose, as the sum of $7,000 is provided in the Budget for 1898 for pianos, etc.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the action taken at the last meeting of this Committee in regard to piano for Female Department be reconsidered.

Adopted.

Ordered, That the matter be laid over for investigation and report.

The CHAIRMAN reported having signed the following specifications in approval for the Committee:

Alterations, repairs, etc., Public Schools 106, 124, 125 and 130.
Improving Sanitary conditions of Public Schools 16, 29 and 55.

Signed May 31st, 1898.

DR. MCSWEENY moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The Committee signed the following payrolls:

Inspectors, 1 week, ending May 28, 1898—Repairs,	$189 00
" 1 " " " " —Sanitary,	108 00
" 1 " " " " —Furniture,	75 00
" 1 " " " " —Heat and Vent.,	54 00
Draughtsmen, month of May—Repairs,	1,150 49
" " " —Sanitary,	390 00
" " " —Heat and Vent.,	337 99
" " " —Furniture,	15 00

The Committee opened the following bids:

Public School 21.

SANITARY REPAIRS.

Joseph W. O'Brien,	$432 00
John Byrns,	697 00
Emmet H. Smith,	719 00

Public School 28.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Commercial Construction Co.,	$865 00
Zimdars & Hunt,	919 00
J. P. Hall,	970 00
Hatzel & Buehler,	1,050 00

Public School 61.

GENERAL REPAIRS.

W. J. Kirkpatrick,	$761 00
R. Warren Lawrence,	825 00
Wm. Hudson,	965 00

Public School 68.

GENERAL REPAIRS.

W. J. Kirkpatrick,	$795 00
Springsted & Adamson,	989 00
A. Campbell,	1,187 00
Henry E. Fox,	1,300 00

Public School 146.

DRINKING SINKS AND SANITARY REPAIRS.

Christopher Nally Co.,	$989 00
John H. Van Tine,	994 00
Robt. F. Seiffert,	1,320 00

The award was made to the lowest bidder in each case, as follows:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.			
1679.	P. S.	21—Joseph W. O'Brien,	$432 00
1680.	"	28—Commercial Construction Co.,	865 00
1681.	"	61—W. J. Kirkpatrick,	761 00
1682.	"	68—W. J. Kirkpatrick,	795 00
1683.	"	146—Christopher Nally Co.,	989 00

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid.

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.			
1663.	P. S.	5—Setting furniture,	$13 00
1664.	"	7—New doors, repairs, etc.,	15 00
1665.	"	8—Repairing bells,	64 00
1666.	"	9—Repairing roof,	88 00
1667.	Ann. "	29—Repair to mason work, ceilings, etc.,	72 00
1668.	"	33—Linoleum, mirror and table,	44 50
1669.	"	41—New carpet, etc.,	48 00
1670.	"	94—New glass,	9 00
1671.	"	94—New sinks and sanitary repairs,	295 00
1672.	"	104—Repairing metal strips, etc.,	10 00
1673.	"	123 -Repairing furniture,	11 00
1674.	"	150—Glass panels, repairs, etc.,	124 00
1675.	"	152—Platform, weather strips, etc.,	42 00
1676.	"	154—Removing partition, etc.,	34 00
1677.	"	163—Supply pipes, yard drain, etc.,	62 00
1678.	Girls' H. S.	—Slate blackboards,	29 00

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App. No.			
5.	P. S.	21—Repairing furniture, . .	$5 75
6.	"	38—Repairing furniture, . .	44 25

Granted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS and MCSWEENY—3.

In response to an advertisement inserted in the *City Record* for ten days, soliciting proposals for making alterations, repairs, etc., at Public Schools 5, 43, 46 and Annex, and Public School 89; building a retaining wall at the Mixed High School; improving the sanitary condition of Public Schools 15, 19, 25, 36, 92 and 140; installing electric light plant in Public School 67; and for supplying glass for the public schools in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, the following bids were received:

ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, ETC.

	P. S. 5.	P. S. 43.	P. S. 46.	P. S. 46, Annex.	P. S. 89.
Mahony Bros.,	$1,771	$3,250	$1,090	$ 48	$1,512
Jennings & Welstead,		2,720	1,400		1,575
W. J. Kirkpatrick,	1,378	3,335	1,270	89	1,677
Archibald Bros.,	1,649	2,638	1,275	97	
Patrick Sullivan,	1,710	2,876	1,370		1,485
George H. Taber,	2,435	3,788	1,900	95	1,865
Scheidecker & Gonder,			1,099	74	
James Hamilton,	1,778	3,194	944		1,576
John H. Goetschius,	1,689	2,888	1,189	129	1,489
Alfred Nugent & Son,	1,598	2,967	1,364		3,200
C. C. Langham,	1,199	2,626	881	80	1,648
J. C. Byrne,		3,050	1,000	79	
Charles Schultz,	1,691		1,150	100	1,490

	P. S. 5.	P. S. 43.	P. S. 46.	P. S. 46. Annex.		P. S. 89.
William Klein,		$2,290				
Erskine & McGregor,	$1,375	2,937				$1,630
J. P. Hansen,	2,100	2,784	$1,537	$ 99		1,969
Christopher Nally Co.,	1,735	3,289	1,165	88		1,900
James I. Harper,		3,510				
John Law,			1,158	60		
Brown & Makay,	1,264	2,948	981	85		1,690
Ryan & McFerran,		3,200				
Murdo Tolmie,	1,768	2,303	1,432	189		2,687

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS.

	P. S. 15.	P. S. 19.	P. S. 25.	P. S. 86.	P. S. 92.	P. S. 140.
Daniel J. Deady,	$937	5,827	493	968	2,672	1,137
Frank J. Fee,			577			
Erskine & McGregor,		4,279		1,250		
John Spence,	1,335		975	849		
Alfred Nugent & Son,	1,465	4,979	841	1,375	2,896	1,598
John H. Goetschius,	1,398	5,222		1,067	2,779	
Edmund J. Bath,		5,200				
James Hamilton,	1,669	5,146	905	1,339	3,133	1,693
Jennings & Welstead,		5,215	750			
John J. Dowling,	1,776		1,080	1,485		2,295
Patrick Sullivan,		5,675				
Hartman & Horgan,		4,687				
Christopher Nally Co.,	1,347	4,990	943	1,440	2,989	1,097
C. C. Langham,			1,000			
Murdo Tolmie,	1,447	5,177	1,014	1,375	2,520	1,501

SUPPLYING GLASS FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX.

J. Fitzpatrick & Co.,	$3,622 21
David Suldiner,	3,425 00
Holbrook Bros.,	3,700 00
Theodore W. Morris & Co.,	
*Van*horne, Griffin & Co.,	

INSTALLING ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL 67.

J. F. Buchanan & Co.,	$1,997 00
Solomon May,	1,970 00
Blake & Williams,	1,494 00
Commercial Construction Co.,	1,481 00

BUILDING RETAINING WALL, GRADING, ETC., AT MIXED HIGH SCHOOL.

F. H. Wakeham,	$3,553 00
Ryan & McFerran,	5,199 00
Alfred Nugent & Son,	15,000 00
James Hamilton,	3,375 00
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Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS and MCSWEENY—3.

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Jennings & Welstead,		2,720	1,400		1,575
W. J. Kirkpatrick,	1,378	3,335	1,270	89	1,677
Archibald Bros.,	1,649	2,638	1,275	97	
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John H. Goetschius,	1,689	2,888	1,189	129	1,489
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J. C. Byrne,		3,050	1,000	79	
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SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS.

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Vanhorne, Griffin & Co.,	3,621 00

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Respectfully,

Arthur McMullin,

Secretary.

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Ordered, That the matter be laid over and referred to the Superintendent for a report as to changes required, etc.

Public Schools 11 and 79.—Relative to workshop, P. S. 79. (See Minutes, pp. 231, 245 and 258.)

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Adopted.

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Adopted.

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Adopted.

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Adopted.

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The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that according to the By-Laws these Janitors were entitled to an increase in their salaries, as follows:

	Annual Salary.	Increase.	To take effect.
P. S. 83,	Main building, $2,262	$78	May 1, 1898
"	Annex, 533		
P. S. 96,	$3,835	78	June 1, 1898

Granted.

Public School 154.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported having given permission to Miss Jenny B. Merrill,

Supervisor of Kindergarten Instruction, to hold a conference at this building on June 13th, 1898, at 4 P. M., instead of at Public School 30, as usual.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 75.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that the piano on the fourth floor of this school is greatly in need of repairs; specifications have been prepared, estimates obtained, etc., as follows:

Charles Lurch, ...	$23 50
A. Hafelin, ...	30 00
William Lohman, ...	35 00

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the estimate of Charles Lurch be accepted, and a report presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation to pay bill.

Adopted.

Public School 70.—Communication from the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-second School District, asking to have condition of Annex, No. 207 East Seventy-fifth street, improved by painting the rooms, etc.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the Inspectors had been notified that work of painting this Annex had been laid out last March, and work would be done during the summer vacation.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

The Chairman reported having signed the following specifications, in approval for the Committee, on June 6, 1898:

Alterations, repairs, etc., Public Schools 6, 14, 18 and 27.

Improving sanitary condition of Public Schools 6, 53 and 76.

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Adopted.

The Committee opened the following bids:

Public School 49.

REPAIRS TO DOORS, NEW HARDWARE, TREADS, ETC.

E. D. Connolly's Son,	$635 00
C. C. Langham,	774 00
Murnane & Co.,	886 00
P. Sullivan,	935 00

Public School 148.

DRINKING SINKS, WASH BASINS, ETC.

John H. Van Tine,	$557 00
John Spence,	570 00
Robert F. Seiffert,	650 00
P. Schweickert,	919 17

The award was made in each case to the lowest bidder:

App. No.		
1722.	P. S. 49—E. D. Connolly's Son,	$635 00
1723.	P. S. 148—John H. Van Tine,	557 00

The Committee signed the following payroll:

Inspectors, week ending June 4, 1898,

General repairs,	$351 00
Furniture,	75 00
	426 00

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.		
1689.	P. S. 3—Bluestone treads and platforms,	$496 00
1690.	" 4—Repairs leader, plaster, etc.,	302 00
1691.	" 9—Repairing furniture,	25 00

App. No.			
1692.	P. S.	10—Hooks and strips for maps,	$19 00
1693.	"	17—Openings for ventilation,	35 00
1694.	"	21—Footrests,	9 00
1695.	"	64—Painting, etc., pupils' W. C.,	94 00
1696.	"	65—Drinking sinks, etc.,	270 00
1697.	"	65—Treads, repairs, painting, etc.,	68 00
1698.	"	66—New water closets, cups, chains, etc.,	194 00
1699.	"	79—Catch basin,	124 00
1700.	"	81—Tool closets,	29 00
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1702.	"	93—Painting, etc.,	33 00
1703.	"	93—Drinking sinks,	470 50
1704.	"	97—Chain holders, etc.,	53 00
1705.	"	97—(Annex) Repairing vaults, etc.,	161 00
1706.	"	100—New floors, wardrobes, etc.,	171 00
1707.	"	118—Repairing plank walks, etc.,	95 00
1708.	"	119—Repairing ceilings and coal bin,	75 00
1709.	"	125—Stone treads, catch basin, etc.,	265 00
1710.	"	128—New steps, repairs, etc.,	459 00
1711.	"	130—New drinking sinks,	224 00
1712.	"	131—New bath tub,	50 00
1713.	"	139—Sanitary repairs, skylight sashes, etc.,	325 00
1714.	"	141—Additional heating apparatus,	168 00
1715.	"	142—General repairs and painting,	182 50
1716.	"	143—Plank walks, repairing roof, etc.,	171 00
1717.	"	143—Sanitary repairs, skylight, etc.,	98 00
1718.	"	148—Bracing flagpole,	30 00
1719.	"	155—Bell and closet,	33 00
1720.	"	156—Changing sign,	24 50
1721.	"	163—Repairs gate, gate posts, etc.,	170 00

Granted.

The Superintendent asked that appropriations be made to pay the following bills, incurred on verbal orders issued by his authority, or where prices are fixed, etc.

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.		
1724.	Joyn Byrns, May 10, 1898—New main in street, etc., P. S. 161, ...	$70 00
1725.	J. F. Mason, March 16, 1898—Grate bars, P. S. 62, ...	3 00
1726.	Police Department, City of New York, May 24, 1898—Testing boiler, P. S. 94, . .	2 00
1727.	John H. Van Tine, April 30, 1898—Repairing sanitary range, P. S. 57, ...	14 00
1728.	Zimdars & Hunt, May 23, 1898—Fitting up new switches, 585-587 Broadway, . .	23 96

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the bills be approved and appropriations made.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. LITTLE and MCSWEENY—3.

In response to an advertisement inserted in the *City Record* for ten days, soliciting proposals for making alterations, repairs, etc., at Public Schools 6, 14, 18, 27, 106, 124, 125 and 130; also for improving the sanitary condition of Public Schools 16, 29 and 53, the following bids were received:

ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, ETC.	P. S. 6	P. S. 14	P. S. 18	P. S. 27	P. S. 106	P. S. 124	P. S. 125	P. S. 130
Jennings & Welstead,	$2,055	$4,555	$2,159	$1,350	$5,799	$1.875	$2,122.00	$1,300
J. C. Byrne,	2,175			1,375		2,493		1,285
C. C. Langham,	1,440	4,422	2,350	1,290	5,783		1,750.00	1,432
Erskins & McGregor,		4,300			5,968	1,700		
Thomas McKeown,								1,073
Julius Haas,	1,764		2,321	1,464				
J. P. Hansen,	1,979			1,400			1,809.00	1,363
Neptune B. Smyth,	1,819			1,392				1,341
Mahony Bros.,	2,481	5,780			7,230	1,835	1,930.00	1,569
James Hamilton,	1,779	4,523	2,649	1,463	6,493	1,997	2,267.00	1,497
Charles Schultz,	1,675							1,850
John H. Goetschius,		4,741	2,279	1,376	6,474	1,969	1,653.00	1,491
Patrick Sullivan,	1,740	4,974	3,150	1,640	7,340	1,760	1,889.00	1,475
John Law,	2,845							
Christopher Nally Co.,	2,200	4,365	2,995	1,235	5,590	1,835	1,623.00	1,665
Murdo Tolmie,	2,093	4,571	2,111	1,547	6,569	2,271	1,997.00	1,937
George H. Taber,	2,486		2,883	3 230				
I. Hoffman,	2,599						2,020.00	1,380
W. J. Kirkpatrick,	1,784		2,103	1,084				1,556
B. Hamburger,						1,740	2,049.40	
Brown & Mackay,	1,774		1,494	1,040			1,617.00	1,392
William Klein,				1,311				1,189
Edmund J. Bath,					6,647			
William Jameson,	1,562		3,086	1,350			2,084 00	1,478
Alfred Nugent & Son,	1,993	4,586		1,586	5,500	1,650	2,350.00	1,700

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	P. S. 16	P. S. 29	P. S. 55
Murdo Tolmie,	$2,745	$1,845	$1,895.00
Jennings & Welstead,	2,430	1,086	1,833.00
John J. Dowling,		1.257	2,200.00
John Spence,	2,700	1,236	1,646.00
Edmund J. Bath,	2,547		
Hartman & Horgan,	2,533	1,320	
Erskine & McGregor,	2,400		1,350.00
Alfred Nugent & Son,	2,556	1,297	1,670.00
Joseph Kelly,			1,625.00
Joseph Kelly,	2,848		
James Hamilton,	2,457	1,219	1,763.00
Christopher Nally Co.,	2,161	1,342	2,097.00
P. Greene,			1,679.25
John H. Goetschius,	2,699	1,258	1,699.00
Jas. J. Cook,			1,948.00
Daniel J. Deady,	2,659	1,250	1,693.00
Frank J. Fee,		1,341	
F. H. Wakeham,	2,637	1,350	1,695.00

The award in each case was then recommended to be made to the lowest bidder, as follows:

ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, &C.

P. S. 6.	C. C. Langham,	$1,440
P. S. 14.	Erskine & McGregor,	4,300
P. S 18.	Brown & Mackay,	1,494
P. S. 27.	" "	1,040
P. S. 106.	Alfred Nugent & Son,	5,500
P. S. 124.	" " "	1,650
P. S. 125.	Brown & Mackay,	1,617
P. S. 130.	Thomas McKeown,	1,073

IMPROVING SANITARY CONDITION.

P. S. 16.	Christopher Nally Co.,	$2,161
P. S. 29.	Jennings & Welstead,	1,086
P. S. 55.	Erskene & McGregor,	1,350

Public School 155.—Communication from Mr. P. J. Walsh, contractor for new school building, stating that as yet the grade at the corner of One hundred and seventy-seventh street and Tremont avenue has not been established, and all efforts to have this work done by the city have been of no avail. On account of this the sum of $6,000 has been retained by this Board, while the only work remaining to be done is the laying of sidewalks which would cost about $700. He therefore asked that $1,000 be retained on contract and the sum of $5,000 released.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that the date for completion of the building was June 21, 1897, at which time the work was substantially finished.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Mr. Walsh be allowed to complete his contract and lay the sidewalk according to present grades.

Adopted.

From the Committee on High Schools, relative to the use of old Public School 63, for High School purposes. (See Minutes, p. 342.)

Mr. James D. Murphy, contractor for erecting new Public School 63, Fulton avenue and One hundred and seventy-third street, appeared before the Committee, and stated that he valued the old building at $2,500, while the work which would not be necessary to carry out in case the building were to remain, would amount to $1,000, therefore the City would be indebted to him to the amount of $1,500 for not completing his work according to contract.

The Chairman thereupon stated that he deemed this price exorbitant, and it would not be considered by this Committee. Further, that if the proposition be insisted upon, advantage would be taken of that clause in the contract giving this Committee the right to suspend work for an indefinite period.

Mr. Murphy then stated that he would be willing to have the whole matter referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for adjustment, and would abide by his decision.

Ordered, That the matter be so referred.

The Committee signed the following payroll:

Inspectors, one week ending June 11th, 1898.

General Repairs, ...	$351 00
Furniture, ...	75 00
	$426 00

Dr. McSweeny moved that on account of a Special Board Meeting to be held at 4.30 P. M., this Committee now adjourns to meet at 3.30 P. M., Monday, June 20, 1898.

Adopted.

Arthur McMullin,
Secretary.

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, was called to meet at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present—Messrs. EUSTIS and MCSWEENY.

No quorum being present, it was decided to issue another call for Friday, June 24, 1898, at 4 P. M.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 4 P. M.

Present—DANIEL E. MCSWEENY, M. D., Chairman *pro tem.* and Messrs. EUSTIS and LITTLE—3.

In response to an advertisement inserted in the *City Record* for ten days, soliciting proposals for making alterations and repairs at Public Schools 41, 45, 48, 55, 56, 88, 90, 101, 126, 161 and Mixed High School; improving sanitary condition of Public Schools 6, 18, 27, 53, 73 and 76, and making alterations and repairs to heating and ventilating apparatus, Public Schools 16 and 87 the following bids were received:

	P. S. 41	P. S. 45	P. S. 48	P. S 55	P. S. 56	P. S. 88	P. S. 90	P. S. 101	P. S. 126	P. S. 140	P. S. 161	Mixed H. S.
B. Hamburger,									$3,440	$2,222		
Springsted & Adamson,						$5,325	$3,395	2,400				
John H. Goetschius,	$2,484	$2,139	$1,091	$1,393	$1,078	4,148	4,399		2,969	1,679	$2,333	$1,443
James I. Harper,	2,488	2,645	1,490	1,457	1,520							
Brown & Mackay,		1,917	1,023	1,394	1,300							
I. Hoffman,		2,380	789	1,335	975				2,570		2,450	
W. M. Fleischman,							2,390					
Erskine & McGregor,	2,753		1,100	1,530	775							
Patrick Sullivan,	2,684	2,390	1,035	1,492	1,100	3,690			2,429	1,786	2,487	1,487
J. C. Byrne,		2,249	1,095	1,295	1,183							
Jennings & Welstead,	2,645	1,943	1,100	1,425	950	4.513				1,755	2,150	1,485
Archibald Bros.,		2,296	967	1,406	838					2,071		1,421
Mahony Bros.,					925	3,690			2,287	1,735	2,663	
William Hudson,							3,845	2,390				1,920
William Jameson,		2,112	884	1,272					2,406	2,121		1,784
Edmund J. Bath,						3,697						
Alfred Nugent & Son,	2,574	2,889				4,049			2,889	2,265	2,839	
Murdo Tolmie,	2,193	2,161	1,047	1,423	953	3,777	2,715	2,419	2,525	2,067	2,837	1,993
Charles Schultz,			1,075	1,525	950		3,100					
Christopher Nally Co.,	2,845	2,368	1,080	1,190	1,640	3,789	3,790	1,732		2,090	2,345	1,497
Thomas McKeown,									3,073	1,773		
James Hamilton,	2,293	2,124	996	1,569		3,769	2,844	2,119	3,298	2,487	2,833	1,749
James Power,						5,167			3,046			
Charles Wille,							3,399					

William Klein, . .										$1,780		$1,100	
William H. Wright & Son,							$2,319					1,748	
George H. Taber, . .	$2,567	$2,083	$1,081	$1,353	$1,169								
J. P. Hansen, . .		1,890	1,028	1,424	920								
C. C. Langham, . .		1,554	730	1,123	729		2,750	$2,200	$2,298	1,820	$3,032	1,320	
James S. Roberts, . .												1,149	
Hartman & Horgan, .	2,791		1,073			3,973		2,050	3,388				

IMPROVING SANITARY CONDITION OF

	P.S. 6	P.S. 18	P.S. 27	P.S. 53	P.S. 73	P.S. 76
Christopher Nally Co.,	$1,239	$2,579	$1,747	$1,148	$ 945	$1,393
Thomas J. Cummins,	1,650	2,616	1,918			
John Spence,	1,142	3,000	1,280	1,300	1,145	1,400
John H. Goetschius,	1,170	2,997	1,666	1,111	1,193	1,479
James Hamilton,	1,049	2,674	1,531	1,091	1,178	1,393
Daniel J. Deady,	1,287	2,487	1,696	893	935	1,648
Frank J. Fee,			1,573		1,077	
Joseph Kelly,	1,115	1,997	1,560	1,167	897	1,690
Murdo Tolmie,	1,587	2,793	2,015	1,317	1,259	1,733
John J. Dowling,	1,616		1,556	1,425	1,372	1,646
Jennings & Welstead,	1,020	2,490	1,598	1,441	1,165	1,447
Hartman & Horgan,		2,987	1,587	1,153	1,187	1 587
P. Greene,				1,485	1,493	1,500

MAKING ALTERATIONS TO HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS.

	P. S. 16	P. S. 87
James Curran Mfg. Co.,	$1,455	$1,545
E. Rutzler,	1,378	1,450
N. Y. Steam Fitting Co.,	1,541	1,498
G. A. Suter & Co.,	1,686	1,851
Evans, Almirall & Co.,	1,438	1,595
John Spence,	1,375	1,828
Blake & Williams,	1,217	1,750
Frank Dobson,	1,042	1,270

The award in each case was recommended to be made to the lowest bidder, as follows:

ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, ETC.

P. S. 41. Murdo Tolmie,	$2,193
" 45. C. C. Langham,	1,554
" 48. " "	730
" 55. " "	1,123
" 56. " "	729

P. S. 88. Mahony Brothers, ...	$3,690
" 90. William H. Wright & Son, . .	2,319
" 101. Christopher Nally Co., . . .	1,732
" 126. Mahony Brothers, ...	2,287
" 140. John H. Goetschius, . . .	1,679
" 161. Jennings & Welstead, . . .	2,150
Mixed High School. William Klein, . .	1,100

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P. S. 6. Jennings & Welstead, . . .	$1,020
" 18. Joseph Kelly, ...	1,997
" 27. John Spence, ...	1,280
" 53. Daniel J. Deady, ...	893
" 73. Joseph Kelly, ...	897
" 76. James Hamilton, ...	1,393

MAKING ALTERATIONS TO HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS.

P. S. 16. Frank Dobson, ...	$1,042
" 87. " "	1,270

The Chairman *pro tem.*, reported having made the following appropriations from "General Repair Fund", for bills incurred on emergency orders of Janitors, duly countersigned:

Appropriations No. 1737–1954 inclusive, 228 bills, $1,247.75,

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present.—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS and MCSWEENY—3.

On motion of Dr. McSweeny the Minutes of the meetings held June 6th and 13th, 1898, were approved.

In response to an advertisement inserted in the *City Record* for ten days, soliciting proposals for making alterations, repairs, etc., at Public Schools 8, 11, 16, 17, 21, 28, 32, 33, 51, 54 and 58, the following bids were received:

Alterations, Repairs, etc.	P. S. 8	P.S.11	P.S.16	P.S.17	P.S.21	P.S.28	P.S.32	P.S.33	P.S.51	P.S.54	P.S.58
J. C. Byrne,	....	....	$1,550	$1,700	....	$2,050	$2,200	....	....	....	....
Murdo Tolmie,	2,283	4,991	1,285	1,249	3,621	2,377	2,211	5,997	....	2,209	3,999
Mahony Bros.,	....	6,828	....	....	3,738	....	....	....	....	....	....
C. C. Langham,	2,963	5,421	....	....	....	....	....	4,263	....	....	....
William Klein,	....	....	1,290	....	....	....	....	3,790	....	....	....
Edmund J. Bath,	....	5,738	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
James Power,	....	6,319	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hartman & Horgan,	3,169	5,761	1,487	....	3,900	....	....	5,856	....	....	....
Alfred Nugent & Son,	....	5,473	....	1,372	3,584	....	2,492	....	....	....	....
Brown & Mackay,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5,271	....	....	....
Christopher Nally Co.,	2,689	4,967	1,335	1,275	3,230	2,179	2,088	4,820	....	2,500	3,687
J. P. Hansen,	....	....	1,337	1,375	....	....	....	4,627	....	2,161	....
Neptune B. Smyth,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,973	....
Charles Wille,	....	....	1,108	1,171	....	2,110	1,681	5,257	....	1,432	....
John F. Johnson,	....	5,473	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Springsted & Adamson,	....	6,540	....	....	....	....	2,049	....	....	....	....
James I. Harper,	....	5,745	1,366	....	....	2,270	2,280	6,145	....	....	....
John Law,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,170	....
Joseph E. Neems,	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,725	....	....	....	....
I. Hoffman,	2,950	....	....	1,150	....	1,790	....	....	....	1,500	2,879
Patrick Sullivan,	2,873	5,789	1,293	1,255	3,476	2,183	1,946	5,187	....	1,673	3,564
John H. Goetschius,	2,898	4,284	1,243	1,138	3,991	1,791	2,086	3,986	....	2,285	3,724
William Jameson,	....	....	1,590	1,132	....	2,109	2,347	5,320	....	1,597	....
Erskine & McGregor,	2,785	5,275	....	....	3,634	....	....	....	....	....	....
Charles Schultz,	....	....	1,290	....	....	2,275	2,215	....	....	2,310	....
James Hamilton,	3,279	5,609	1,597	1,849	3,526	2,382	2,351	6,225	....	2,465	3,897
Archibald Bros.,	....	....	1,249	....	....	2,097	2,174	....	....	....	....
Thomas McKeown,	....	....	1,343	....	....	2,383	1,773	....	....	....	3,997

(The Proposals for P. S. 51 were not announced, the specification not being explicit.)

The award in each case was recommended to be made to the lowest bidder, as follows:

ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, ETC.

P. S. 8.—Murdo Tolmie.	$2,283
P. S. 11.—John H. Goetschius, ...	4,284
P. S. 16.—Charles Wille, ...	1,108
P. S. 17.—William Jameson, ...	1,132
P. S. 21.—Christopher Nally Co., ...	3,230
P. S. 28.—I. Hoffman, ...	1,790
P. S. 32.—Charles Wille, ...	1,681
P. S. 33.—William Klein, ...	3,790
P. S. 54.—Charles Wille, ...	1,432
P. S. 56.—I. Hoffman, ...	2,879

Matter of contract of Lipman Abel for removing buildings, grading lots, erecting fences, etc., on several lots adjoining school buildings. (See Minutes, pp. 106, 107, 284, 291, 305, 324 and 339.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that as yet no further steps had been taken by the contractor or his sureties to carry out this work.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board with the recommendation that the lots in question be improved at once and that so much of the expense as would be covered by the contract of Lipman Abel be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to proceed against the sureties.

From Borough Superintendent Jasper submitting analyses of quarterly reports of Inspectors of the Twelfth and Thirty-second School Districts. (See Minutes, p. 340.)

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had gone over these reports very carefully and found that a majority of the items had already received attention and ~~that~~ the Board of Inspectors would be so notified, but that the suggestion of the Board of Inspectors of the Twelfth School District that a portion of East Twenty-eighth street in rear of P. S. 14 be paved with asphalt, should be referred to the Commissioner of Highways.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board referring the matter of paving East Twenty-eighth street in rear of Public School 14 to the Commissioner of Highways.

High Schools.—From the Committee on High Schools relative to use of old Public School 63 for High School purposes. (See Minutes, pp. 342 and 352.)

A communication was received from the Secretary of the School Board, transmitting a copy of resolution adopted by the Board on June 15, 1898, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the matter of making such alterations, etc., in the contract with James D. Murphy for erecting New Public School 63, be, and it is hereby referred to the Committee on Sites and Buildings with power, subject however, to the approval of the Committee on Finance, to make such arrangements with the contractor for permitting the old building to remain, as in the opinion of said Committee seems equitable."

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the matter be referred to the Chairman with power.

Adopted.

Public School 11.—From the Committee on Studies relative to fitting up the two southeast corner rooms on the top floor as a workshop by removing the partition between them. (See Minutes, p. 345.)

A communication was received from Borough Superintendent Jasper stating that he had had this matter investigated, and under the existing circumstances thought it desirable to introduce workshop studies into the school, as perhaps "some of the pupils will one day make their living in occupation of an industrial character." The removal of the wall between the southeast rooms will be necessary to make the shop of suitable size. If the main room be partitioned so as to accommodate four classes, [illegible] can be spared for shop purposes.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the necessary alterations would cost from $450 to $600.

Ordered, That the matter be laid over for a further report from Deputy Superintendent Haskell.

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that on June 14th, 1898, the balance of account for payment of wages of Inspectors and Assistant Draughtsmen had been made available for the six months ending November 1st, 1898, and as there was no meeting of this Committee on last Monday, no quorum being present, he had immediately detailed the following named Inspectors for duty, subject to the approval of this Committee:

June 21st, 1898:	Per Day.
George L. Baxter, Chief Inspector on New School Buildings,	$5 00
James Dennison, General Inspector on New School Buildings,	5 00
John Mallon, Painting Inspector on New School Buildings,	4 50
James M. Finlay, Iron and Steel Inspector on New School Buildings,	4 50
Jacob Warner, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 157),	4 50
William H. McCord, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 63),	4 50
Peter F. Mellon, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 164),	4 50
Otto C. Assenheimer, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 12),	4 50
Jenkin Jones, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 158),	4 50
Charles K. Hyde, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 159),	4 50
John A. Miller, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 165),	4 50

John Kelly, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 137), ... $4 50
Alexander Grant, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 20), ... 4 50
Edmund W. Hoag, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 153), ... 4 50
Michael F. Long, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 2), ... 4 50
Michael J. Daly, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 40), ... 4 50
Jamas Quinn, Inspector on New School Buildings (Hall B. of E.), ... 4 50
Theodore H. Mackay, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 160), ... 4 50
Frank J. Connell, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 169), ... 4 50

June 22d, 1898:

Henry J. Devlin, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 167), ... 4 50
Thomas H. Graham, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 102), ... 4 50

June 25th, 1898:

James W. Reed, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 166), ... 4 50

June 27th, 1898:

Albert Haywood, Inspector on New School Buildings (P. S. 42), ... 4 50

Dr. McSweeny moved that the action of the Superintendent in placing on duty the above named Inspectors on June 21st, 22d, 25th and 27th, 1898, be approved and a report presented to the Board making the re-appointments named; wages payable from the Bond Account.

Adopted.

The Superintendent further stated that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Board of Education had reported at the last meeting that the Comptroller had informed him there

would be no possibility of undertaking new work before June, 1899, as the limit of bonded indebtedness of the consolidated city would not warrant the issue of bonds before that time. This will render it unnecessary to re-employ the Assistant Draughtsmen recently dismissed, and he therefore recommended that they be so notified.

Ordered, That all Assistant Draughtsmen who were dismissed from the service on account of lack of funds to pay their wages, be notified in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Public School 103.—Communication from Borough Superintendent Jasper stating that the Committee on Studies has recommended that the gymnasium modeling rooms and sewing room on the fifth floor be fitted up for classrooms, and suggesting that the gymnasium be divided into three rooms, that furniture for the higher grades of the boys' department be placed in the new rooms and also in the two modeling rooms and sewing room. (See Minutes, p. 339.)

Ordered, That the matter be referred back to the Committee on Studies with the statement that in view of the fact that new P. S. 159, One hundred and nineteenth and One hundred and twentieth streets, between Second and Third avenues, now in course of construction, will be opened about January 1st, 1899, which will greatly relieve the crowded condition of P. S. 103, this Committee is of the opinion that it is not advisable to partition off this gymnasium at present.

Public School 79.—From the Secretary of the School Board, transmitting a copy of complaint from the Department of Health stating that the yard behind the school was not graded or drained, causing surface water to stagnate thereon.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the necessary work to remedy these defects had already been done.

Ordered, That the Department of Health be so notified.

Public School 96.—Communication from Messrs. A. G. Spalding & Bros. addressed to the President of the Board, stating

that they had received a contract from the Andrews Manufacturing Company for placing gymnasium apparatus in P. S. 96, but did not intend to deliver the goods on their account and asking that in case that company failed to deliver same if contract could not be transferred to them, or if the goods must be delivered on contract as originally awarded, if payment could be secured on any goods they may deliver.

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that a representative of Spalding had called at the office in regard to this matter and was informed that the contract in question was now before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment awaiting approval, and that the Andrews Manufacturing Company had not yet had an opportunity to execute their contract, but if they should refuse to sign same it could not be transferred to anyone, but would have to be readvertised, when Spalding Bros. would be at liberty to bid.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

Public School 109.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported having excused the Janitor for two hours on June 7th, 1898, to answer a subpœna in Court.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Public School 25.—From the Inspectors of the Seventh School District relative to providing an office for Janitor; changing library, etc., and necessity for asphalt pavement in front of school.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Board referring the request for asphalt pavement to the Commissioner of Highways, and the matter of office for Janitor, etc., be referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell for a report.

Public Schools 10 and 103.—From the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-seventh School District relative to the advisability of converting the room known as clay modeling room in P. S. *10 into* a classroom, and of fitting up for classroom purposes

the gymnasium, clay modeling rooms and sewing room in P. S. 103.

The Chairman stated that the changes suggested at P. S. 103 had already received the attention of this Committee at this meeting.

Ordered, That the matter of P. S. 10 be referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell for a report.

From the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-eighth School District recommending the installation of systems of electric call bells, annunciators, etc., for communication to classrooms and Janitor's office.

Ordered, That the Inspectors be notified that electric bells are already in use in school buildings, but this Committee does not deem it advisable to place annunciators as a means of communication between classrooms, etc.

Public School 84.—Communication from Messrs. E. B. & W. J. Amend, attorneys for the owners of premises Nos. 437–439 West Forty-ninth street, being acquired as an addition to the site of P. S. 84, stating that from the present outlook it would seem that the city would not be able to proceed further in the acquisition of the above property and it is unfair to the owners, as while these proceedings are under way they are unable to rent or receive any revenue therefrom, and asking that the Board recommend a discontinuance of the proceedings.

Ordered, That Messrs. E. B. & W. J. Amend be notified that this matter is now in the hands of the Counsel to the Corporation and therefore out of the jurisdiction of this Board.

Public School 21.—Application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of living apartments having been altered for school purposes.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that according to the By-laws this Janitor is entitled to an annual salary of $1,443, being an increase of $26; to take effect from April 15th, 1898.

Granted.

Public School 121.—The Superintendent of School Buildings called attention to the fact that the Janitor of this school reported about five weeks ago that his flag had been stolen. On the 10th inst. he again reported that the flag had been recovered and the man who had stolen it, as well as several other flags, received a sentence of six months in the Penitentiary, from Court of Special Sessions.

On file.

Public School 51.—Petition from the pupils for permission to play Basket Ball in the playground, referred from the Committee on Teachers.

Ordered, That the petition be denied and placed on file until such time as yards are improved and in proper condition; the Principal to be so notified.

Application from R. W. Rodman, Sanitary Inspector, stating that as a member of the First Signal Corps, National Guard, State of New York, he had volunteered and been ordered into active service on June 18, 1898, and asking for leave of absence, with pay, until relieved from duty.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that a report be presented to the Board excusing Mr. Rodman for the time of absence in active service, and allowing him the difference between the salary received from the government and that which he would have received from this Board.

Adopted.

Public School 38.—From Mrs. M. A. Rogers, Principal, asking permission to have doors at entrance to building, open during school sessions, thus making a continuous current of fresh air throughout the building.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the request be denied, as to grant same would be a violation of the rules.

Adopted.

Public School 155.—Communication from W. F. Lyon

Principal, asking permission to place a Grammar class in room on fifth floor formerly part of workshop.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for a report.

Public School 37.—From Miss Margaret C. Cornell, Principal, asking to have a room on the top floor of Annex fitted up for classroom purposes.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell for a report.

Public School 44.—From Mr. Michael Moran, Janitor, stating that $65 was deducted from his salary on payroll for March for the period of his illness from February 23d to April 11th, 1898, and asking to be excused for absence.

Laid over and referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell for a report.

Public School 30.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported having excused the Janitor for absence from duty for a few hours each day, June 14th and 15th to answer a subpoena in court.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 128.—Application from James D. Keenan, Janitor, P. S. 39, for payment for services as acting Janitor from May 20th to 31st, 1898.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that upon the resignation of the Janitor of P. S. 128, Mr. Keenan was placed in charge of the school on May 20th, 1898. (See Minutes, p. 308.)

Mr. EUSTIS moved a report be presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation to pay bill.

Adopted.

Public School 70.—Request from the Chairman of the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-second School District to have classrooms 1 and 2 on the first floor abandoned.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Studies and also to Deputy Superintendent Haskell for a report.

Public School 6.—Request from the Associate Alumni, endorsed by the Chairman of the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth District, to use the gymnasium three evenings each week and a room in which to hold meetings and literary exercises, Principal and teacher of the first grade to give their personal supervision and to see that proper use is made of the gymnasium and meeting room. (See Minutes, p. 272.)

Mr. Charles Putzel, Chairman of the Board of Inspectors, was invited to be present but did not appear.

Laid over.

Public School 97.—Application from The Manhattan Supply Co. to have final payment of $623.70 divided so as to allow the Board to retain $100 on contract for new furniture, Item 1, new addition.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that there remains but a small amount of work to complete this contract, which cannot be done until vacation, and $100 will more than cover the value of the work yet to be done.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the contract be amended and the final payment divided as follows:

2d. When work is substantially completed,	$523 70
3d. When work is completed and accepted,	100 00

Adopted.

Public School 136.—The Chairman reported having approved of an increase in rent allowance for Janitor from $221 to $299 per annum; to take effect July 1st, 1898.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 9.—The Superintendent of School Buildings recommended that appropriation No. 1666, General Repair Fund,

Minutes, page 332, amounting to $88.00, be rescinded, as Mr. Hugh H. Williams has refused to do the work thereon; also that no further opportunities to figure be extended Mr. Williams, as his estimates cannot be relied upon,

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the appropriation be rescinded and that Mr. Williams be given no further opportunity to estimate on work.

Adopted.

A communication was received from the Weber-Wheelock Co. in regard to renting their building No. 735 East One hundred and forty-seventh street, stating that since the Department of Buildings had refused to allow it to be used for school purposes, they had explained to that Department some facts in regard to the said building and now have reason to believe that favorable action would be taken by the said Department in regard to its use.

Ordered, That the Weber-Wheelock Co. be notified that since the use of their building for school purposes was denied by the Department of Buildings other arrangements were made and the Board is not now in need of further additional quarters in that neighborhood.

High Schools.—From the Secretary of the School Board referring communications from the Committee on High Schools in regard to repairs to be made to the Boys' High School and the Girls' High School.

Ordered, That the communications be referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell for a report.

From the Secretary of the School Board transmitting copy of resolutions adopted by that Board at a meeting held June 15th, 1898, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Sites and Buildings be, and it hereby is, directed to make the necessary alterations in Public School 67, to fit the fourth and fifth floors (about twelve rooms) for the purpose of an annex to the Boys' High

School; and that the same be made ready for use at the opening of the next school year.

Resolved, That the Committee on Sites and Buildings be, and it hereby is, directed to make the necessary alterations in Public School 9, to fit the twelve rooms above referred to (fourth and fifth stories) for the purpose of an annex to the Girls' High School; and to have them ready for occupancy at the opening of the next school year.

Resolved, That the Committee on Sites and Buildings be requested to take the necessary steps to make the old building of P. S. 63 suitable for temporary use as an annex to the Mixed High School, and part of the new building, about twelve rooms in all, to be ready for occupancy at the opening of the next school year.

Resolved, That the Committee on Sites and Buildings be, and hereby is, directed to provide suitable furniture for the three annexes to the High Schools, to be established in Public Schools 9, 67 and old P. S. 63.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell for a report.

Public School 154.—Mr. P. J. Walsh, contractor for erecting new school building, appeared before the Committee in regard to the extra depth to which he had been obliged to carry the foundations for this building, stating that although an agreement was entered into between the Committee on Buildings and himself in 1896, by which it was intended that some relief be granted him in carrying the walls of the building down to solid foundation, as called for in contract, although not shown on plans nor indicated by borings, the intended relief was not granted by this agreement, and he therefore asked to be released from its provisions.

The Superintendent of School Buildings appeared before the Committee and stated that the agreement referred to does not, in his opinion, grant any relief to Mr. Walsh. It provides that the contractor is to carry down the piers of the building to solid rock, and to drive piles on which to start the curtain walls, instead of carrying the whole foundation down as called for in the

contract, and to charge the difference in cost between the piling and solid brick foundations against the contractor. This he believed was not the original intention of the Committee.

Mr. Eustis moved that the whole matter be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, with the request that he will inform this Committee in what way the relief, as formerly intended by the Committee on Buildings when signing this agreement can be granted.

Adopted.

Mr. John W. Franklin, formerly employed in the Building Bureau of the Board, as an Inspector on New School Buildings appeared before the Committee and asked for reasons why he had not been re-instated at the same time the other Inspectors were.

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that Mr. Franklin had not been re-employed for the reason that a subcontractor on stonework on one of the buildings where Mr. Franklin had been stationed, called at this office and made certain charges against him, which had been reduced to writing in the form of an affidavit, contents of which were unknown to this Committee. The affidavit was handed to Mr. Franklin to read and at the end of the hearing was delivered to him.

The Chairman then informed Mr. Franklin that if he wished at any time to present a statement of his case to this Committee, to do so in writing, when the matter would receive consideration.

The Chairman reported having signed the following specifications in approval for the Committee:

Alterations, repairs, etc., P. S. 88, 126, 140 and 161, signed June 8, 1898.

Alterations and repairs to heating and ventilating apparatus, P. S. 87, signed June 8, 1898.

Alterations and repairs to heating and ventilating apparatus, P. S. 16, signed June 8, 1898.

Alterations, repairs, etc., P. S. 90, 101 and Mixed High School, June 9, 1898.

Alterations, repairs, etc., P. S. 41, 45, 48, 55 and 56, signed June 13, 1898.

Alterations, repairs, etc., P. S. 50, 53, 59, 74 and 76, June 18, 1898.

Improving sanitary condition, P. S. 77, 82 and 117, June 22, 1898.

Improving sanitary condition, P. S. 48 and 141, June 22, 1898

Improving sanitary condition, P. S. 5, 9, 10, 86 and 89, June 22, 1898.

Improving sanitary condition, P. S. 85 and 118, June 22, 1898.

New furniture for old school buildings, June 22, 1898.

Alterations, repairs, etc., P. S. 17, 28, 32, 51, 54 and 58, June 22, 1898.

Alterations, repairs, etc., P. S. 67, 69, 84, 87 and 141, June 27, 1898.

Alterations, repairs, etc., Boys' High School, Girls' High School and Truant School, June 27, 1898.

Alterations, repairs, etc., P. S. 60, 62 and 64, June 27, 1898.

The Committee signed the following payrolls:

Inspectors on new buildings, June 21st to 30th, inclusive,	$891 00
Assistant Draughtsman, new buildings, months of May and June,	166 66
Assistant Draughtsmen, general repairs, month of June,	1,923 98
Inspectors, general repairs, June 18th to 30th, inclusive,	891 00
Inspectors, furniture, June 18th to 30th, inclusive,	200 00

The Committee granted an extension of time on each of the following contracts:

Public School 30.—C. Roehr & Sons. Furniture, Item I; dated August 6, 1897; extended to June 8, 1898.

Public School 34.—C. Roehr & Sons. Furniture, Item IV; *dated August 6,* 1897; extended to May 16, 1898.

Public School 34.—The Manhattan Supply Co. Furniture, Item I; dated August 4, 1897; extended to June 21, 1898.

Public School 93.—Frank Dobson. Heating, etc., New Addition; dated July 31, 1897; extended to June 11, 1898.

Public School 99.—Thomas Dwyer. Erecting New Addition; dated August 3, 1897; extended to June 10, 1898.

Public School 133.—Thomas Dwyer. Erecting an Additional Story; dated August 3, 1897; extended to April 13, 1898.

Public School 156.—C. Roehr & Sons. Furniture, Item IV; dated August 6, 1897; extended to May 14, 1898.

The Committee approved and signed the following final payments:

Public School 30.—C. Roehr & Sons. Furniture, Item I.,	$650 00
Public School 34.—C. Roehr & Sons. Furniture, Item IV.,	650 00
Public School 34.—The Manhattan Supply Co. Furniture, Item I.,	492 40
Public School 93.—Frank Dobson. Heating, etc., New Addition,	2,290 00
Public School 99.—Thomas Dwyer. Addition, etc.	3,070 00
Public School 133.—Thomas Dwyer. Additional story, etc.,	1,000 00
Public School 156.—C. Roehr & Sons. Furniture, Item III.,	729 00

Final payment on order on contract of Charles H. Brown for new furniture for old school buildings, Item I.

Public School 116.	$8 16

The Committee opened the following bids:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND

Public School 4.—Repairs to Heating Apparatus.

Evans, Almirall & Co.,	$794 00
Blake & Williams,	825 00
John Neal's Sons,	826 00
E. Rutzler,	832 00

Public School 6.—Repairs to Heating Apparatus.

Frank Dobson,	$760 00
John Neal's Sons,	826 00
E. Rutzler,	842 00

Public School 14.—Alterations to Ventilation, etc.

Baker, Smith & Co.,	$848 00
Evans, Almirall & Co.,	923 00
The Higgins Heating & Ventilating Co.,	968 00
Herrmann & Grace,	970 00
Blake & Williams,	985 00

Public School 33.—Repairs to Heating Apparatus.

Wallace & Cary,	$784 00
Frank Dobson,	798 00
Jas. Curran Mfg. Co.,	956 00
The Higgins Heating & Ventilating Co.,	990 00

Public School 39.—Treads, Glass Panels and Repairs.

James S. Roberts,	$563 00
W. J. Kirkpatrick,	699 00
A. Campbell,	700 00
John F. Johnson,	775 00
Henry E. Fox,	860 00
Edward Nicholson,	889 50
G. K Hollister,	975 00

Public School 83.—New Watercloset, Catch Basins, etc.

John Harry,	$775 00
John H. Van Tine,	940 00
John Spence,	953 00

Public School 122.—Repairs Iron Railings, Glass Panels, etc.

James Murnane & Co.,	$635 00
P. Sullivan,	993 00
William Klein,	1,128 00

Public School 69.—Repairs to Heating Apparatus.

Frank Dobson,	$955 00
James Curran Mfg. Co.,	985 00
John Neal's Sons,	975 00
E. Rutzler,	1,024 00

Public School 77.—Repairs to Heating Apparatus.

Frank Dobson,	$585 00
Blake & Williams,	596 00
John Neal's Sons,	625 00
Evans, Almirall & Co.,	630 00

Public School 78.—Repairs and Bell Work.

W. J. Kirkpatrick,	$435 00
John F. Johnson,	667 00
Commercial Construction Co.,	883 00
Henry E. Fox,	900 00
Edward Nicholson,	997 00

Public School 79.—Repairs to Heating Apparatus.

New York Steam Fitting Co.,	$997 00
John Neal's Sons,	1,000 00
E. Rutzler,	1,060 00
Blake & Williams,	1,100 00

Public School 84.—Repairs to Heating Apparatus.

Blake & Williams,	$859 00
James Curran Mfg. Co.,	918 00
Evans, Almirall & Co.,	919 00
John Neal's Sons,	930 00

Public School 85.—Repairs to Heating Apparatus.

Frank Dobson,	$765 00
Blake & Williams,	817 00
Evans, Almirall & Co.,	835 00

Public School 89.—Repairs to Heating Apparatus.

The Higgins Heating & Ventilating Co.,	$460 00
John Neal's Sons,	520 00
Frank Dobson,	525 00
James Curran Mfg. Co.,	611 00

Public School 90.—Repairs to Heating Apparatus.

Evans, Almirall & Co.,	$618 00
Blake & Williams,	621 00
E. Rutzler,	675 00

Public School 117.—Repairs to Heating Apparatus.

Frank Dobson,	$745 00
E. Rutzler,	777 00
John Neal's Sons,	840 00
New York Steam Fitting Co.,	850 00

FURNITURE AND REPAIRS OF.

Public School 34.—Repairs to Furniture.

L. E. Atherton,	$410 00
C. H. Browne,	447 00
Herman Zeh,	450 00
John J. Jordan,	489 00

Public School 43.—Repairs to Furniture.

John J. Jordan,	447 50
L. E. Atherton,	474 00
O. Rockefeller,	650 00
H. N. Booz,	774 00

Public School 46.—Repairs to Furniture.

L. E. Atherton,	483 00
Richmond School Furniture Co.,	487 00
Herman Zeh.	565 50
John J. Jordan,	595 00

Public School 54.—Repairs to Furniture.

L. E. Atherton,	724 00
Richmond School Furniture Co.,	875 00
O.Rockefeller,	990 50

Public School 68.—Repairs to Furniture.

L. E. Atherton,	673 00
Richmond School Furniture Co.,	763 00
Wm. H. Housner, Jr.,	1,060 00
O. Rockefeller,	1,275 00

Public School 73.—Repairs to Furniture.

John J. Jordan,	559 50
L. E. Atherton,	574 00
H. N. Booz,	717 70
O. Rockefeller,	750 00

Public School 77.—Repairs to Furniture.

L. E. Atherton,	375 00
Richmond School Furniture Co.,	397 00
A. Shapiro,	402 00
John J. Jordan.	404 00
C. H. Browne,	488 00

Public School 79.—Repairs to Furniture.

A. Shapiro,	358 00
Richmond School Furniture Co.,	371 00
C. H. Browne,	436 00
Herman Zeh,	465 00

Public School 83.—Repairs to Furniture.

John J. Jordan,	578 00
L. E. Atherton,	648 00
Richmond School Furniture Co.,	698 00
C. H. Browne,	795 00
H. N. Booz,	998 00

Public School 84.—Repairs to Furniture.

L. E. Atherton,	484 00
H. N. Booz,	501 75
J. C. Byrne,	540 00
O. Rockefeller,	680 00

Public School 86.—Repairs to Furniture.

L. E. Atherton,	400 00
John J. Jordan,	484 00
Herman Zeh,	532 00
C. H. Browne,	589 00
A. Shapiro,	620 00

Public School 89.—Repairs to Furniture.

John J. Jordan,	646 35
L. E. Atherton,	723 00
Herman Zeh,	920 00
C. H. Browne,	990 00

Public School 90.—Repairs to Furniture.

L. B. Fitch,	450 00
L. E. Atherton,	500 00
A. Shapiro,	511 00
Richmond School Furniture Co.,	558 00
Herman Zeh,	590 00

The award in each case was made to the lowest bidder as follows:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.		
2166.	P. S. 14.—Baker, Smith & Co.,	$848 00
2167.	" 39.—James S. Roberts,	563 00
2168.	" 83.—John Harry,	775 00
2169.	" 122.—James Murnane & Co.,	635 00
2170.	" 4.—Evans, Almirall & Co.,	794 00
2171.	" 6.—Frank Dobson,	760 00
2172.	" 33.—Wallace & Cary,	784 00
2173.	" 69.—Frank Dobson,	955 00
2174.	" 77.— " "	585 00
2175.	" 78.—W. J. Kirkpatrick,	435 00
2176.	" 79.—New York Steam Fitting Co.,	997 00
2177.	" 84.—Blake & Williams,	859 00
2178.	" 85.—Frank Dobson,	765 00
2179.	" 89.—The Higgins Heating & Ventilating Co.,	460 00
2180.	" 90.—Evans, Almirall & Co.,	618 00
2181.	" 117.—Frank Dobson,	745 00

FURNITURE AND REPAIRS OF.

App. No.		
44.	P. S. 89.—John J. Jordan,	$646 35
45.	" 43.— " "	447 50
46.	" 46.—L. E. Atherton,	483 00
47.	" 54.— " "	724 00
48.	" 68.— " "	673 00
49.	" 73.—John J. Jordan,	559 50
50.	" 77.—L. E. Atherton,	375 00

App. No.			
51.	P. S. 79.—A. Shapiro,		$358 00
52.	" 83.—John J. Jordan,		578 00
53.	" 84.—L. E. Atherton,		484 00
54.	" 86.— " "		400 00
55.	" 90.—L. B. Fitch,		450 00
56	" 34.—L. E. Atherton,		410 00

The Superintendent asked that the following appropriations be made, he having solicited estimates thereon, and the amount in each case being that of the lowest bid:

GENERAL REPAIR FUND.

App. No.			
1965.	P. S. 2.—Shades,		$13 50
1966.	" 3.—Gas fixtures,		10 00
1967.	" 6.—Slate blackboards,		17 00
1968.	" 10.—Supply closet,		27 00
1969.	" 12.—Repairs to roof,		20 00
1970.	" 16.—Sash over sliding doors,		118 42
1971.	" 17.—Rebuilding bridge walls of furnace,		68 00
1972.	" 22.—Repairs to furniture,		21 00
1973.	" 22.—Supply closet, etc.,		32 00
1974.	" 30.—Repairing engine,		13 60
1975.	" 33.—Chairs,		66 75
1976.	" 40.—New glass, etc.,		16 52
1977.	" 43.—Gas fitting,		104 00
1978.	" 46.—Tables,		18 50
1979.	" 53.—Linoleum, tables and chairs,		89 50
1980.	" 56.—Repairs to furniture,		18 00
1981.	" 57.—Flagpole,		20 00
1982.	" 59.—Repairing desks,		17 75
1983.	" 59.—Linoleum, table, etc.,		129 01
1984.	" 60.—Oiling woodwork pupils' W. C., etc.		146 00
1985.	" 68.—New W. C., repairing wash basin,		350 00
1986.	" 70.—Repairs to sidewalk,		50 00
1987.	" 70.—Repairing brick walls, roof, etc.,		325 00
1988.	" 71.—Cabinet,		9 00

App. No.		
1989.	P. S. 75.—Supply closet and wardrobe,	$50 00
1990.	" 77.—Shelves,	9 75
1991.	" 81.—Chain holders and sanitary repairs,	75 00
1992.	" 83.—Repairs to painting, etc.,	49 00
1993.	" 86.—Gas fitting,	7 00
1994.	" 87.—Locks, repairs to railings and gates,	20 00
1995.	" 94 Annex.—Cellar drainer, etc.,	75 00
1996.	" 95.—Repairing leaders, roof, etc.,	220 00
1997.	" 96.—Repairing furniture,	21 50
1998.	" 98.—Sink, wash basins, etc.,	320 00
1999.	" 107.—Treads, hardware, inscription, etc.,	469 00
2000.	" 113.—Window shades, slates, etc.,	87 00
2001.	" 115.—Painting W. C., drain pipes, etc.,	205 00
2002.	" 130.—Gas fixtures,	18 00
2003.	" 133.—Chains, chain holders, etc.,	29 00
2004.	" 135.—Partition,	19 00
2005.	" 136.—Repairs to plaster, etc.,	38 00
2006.	" 138.—New W. C. and cesspool,	374 00
2007.	" 138.—Relaying sidewalk, etc.,	112 00
2008.	" 145.—Plank walks, treads, etc.,	110 00
2009.	" 151.—Chain stays and cup holders,	27 50
2010.	" 154.—Lounge,	20 50
2011.	" 154.—Changing gate, hooks, etc.,	12 00
2012.	" 154.—Specimen case,	21 00
2013.	" 154.—Drop shelves,	56 00
2014.	" 156.—Chains, chain holders, etc.,	33 00
2015.	" 156.—Drop shelves,	76 00
2016.	Girls' H. S.—Shelving,	13 00
2017.	Mixed H. S.—Chains, cups, etc.,	35 00
2018.	Hall, B. E.—Filing case, altering counter, etc.,	110 00
2028.	P. S. 3.—Repairs heating apparatus,	49 00
2029.	Annex P. S. 4.—Repairs to stoves,	25 00
2030.	P. S. 6.—Wardrobes,	45 00
2031.	" 7.—Repairs heating apparatus,	475 00
2032.	" 8.— " " "	169 00
2033.	" 9.— " " "	374 00

App. No.			
2034.	P. S.	9.—Repairs pupils' closet, doors, etc.,	$450 00
2035.	"	11.—Repairs heating apparatus,	255 00
2036.	"	14.—Reversing furniture,	23 75
2037.	"	15.—Repairs heating apparatus,	224 00
2038.	"	19.— " " "	160 00
2039.	"	21.— " " "	318 00
2040.	"	22.— " " "	22 00
2041.	"	23.— " " "	378 00
2042.	"	24.— " " "	43 00
2043.	"	27.— " " "	255 00
2044.	"	28.—Linoleum,	19 00
2045.	"	28.—New water closet, etc.,	295 00
2046.	"	28.—Repairs heating apparatus,	455 00
2047.	"	29.— " " "	141 00
2048.	Annex P. S.	29.—Repairs heating apparatus,	41 00
2049.	P. S.	29.—Supply closet,	32 00
2050.	"	30.—Repair heating apparatus,	34 00
2051.	"	31.— " " "	246 00
2052.	"	32.— " " "	117 00
2053.	"	34.— " " "	21 00
2054.	"	36.— " " "	498 00
2055.	"	37.— " " "	36 00
2056.	"	38.— " " "	445 00
2057.	"	39.— " " "	383 00
2058.	Ann.	39—Repairs to stoves,	20 00
2059.	P. S.	41—Repairs, heating apparatus,	75 00
2060.	"	43— " " "	274 50
2061.	"	44— " " "	249 00
2062.	"	45— " " "	59 00
2063.	"	45—Halyards, fixing flagpole, etc.,	20 00
2064.	"	45—New water closet and wash basin,	57 00
2065.	"	46—Repairs, heating apparatus,	145 00
2066.	"	43—Fence,	29 50
2067.	"	48—Repairs, heating apparatus,	80 00
2068.	"	49— " " "	105 00
2069.	"	49— " roofs, flashings, etc.	325 00

App. No.			
2070.	P. S.	50—New traps for sink, etc.,	$120 00
2071.	"	50—Repairs, heating apparatus,	144 00
2072.	"	51— " " "	277 00
2073.	"	52— " " "	48 00
2074.	"	53— " " "	326 00
2075.	"	54— " " "	48 00
2076.	"	55— " " "	225 00
2077.	"	56— " " "	626 00
2078.	"	57— " " "	75 00
2079.	Ann.	57, No. 1—Repairs, heating apparatus,	21 00
2080.	"	57, No. 2— " " "	40 00
2081.	P. S.	58—Repairs, heating apparatus,	360 00
2082.	"	58—Slate blackboards,	44 00
2083.	"	60—Repairs, heating apparatus,	343 00
2084.	"	61— " " "	75 00
2085.	"	62— " " "	95 00
2086.	"	64— " " "	83 00
2087.	"	65— " " "	154 65
2088.	"	66— " " "	55 00
2089.	"	66—Waterproofing walls, etc.,	326 00
2090.	"	67—Area drains, yard and sanitary repairs	250 00
2091.	"	67—Repairs, heating apparatus,	374 00
2092.	"	68— " " "	342 00
2093.	"	70— " " "	127 00
2094.	"	71—Repairs, heating apparatus,	67 00
2095.	"	72— " " "	267 00
2096.	"	73— " " "	171 00
2097.	"	73—Linoleum and table,	21 00
2098.	"	74—Repairs, heating apparatus,	287 00
2099.	"	74—Carpet and linoleum, and shades,	52 36
2100.	"	75—Repairs, heating apparatus,	369 00
2101.	"	75—New watercloset and wash basin,	75 00
2102.	"	76—Repairs, heating apparatus,	214 00
2103.	"	78— " " "	198 00
2104.	"	80—New catch basins,	170 00
2105.	"	81—Repairs, heating apparatus,	49 00

App. No.			
2106.	P. S.	82—Repairs, heating apparatus,	$60 00
2107.	Ann.	83—Repairs to stoves,	16 00
2108.	P. S.	84—Catch basins, fresh air inlets,	325 00
2109.	"	87— " " "	189 00
2110.	"	88—Repairs, heating apparatus,	160 00
2111.	"	89—Curtains, screens, etc.,	110 00
2112.	"	92—Repairs, heating apparatus,	107 00
2113.	"	95—Repairs to stoves,	40 00
2114.	"	96—Repairs, heating apparatus,	298 00
2115.	"	96—Gas connections,	47 50
2116.	"	98—Repairs, heating apparatus,	120 00
2117.	"	97— " " "	177 00
2118.	"	99— " " "	19 00
2119.	"	100—Repairs to stoves,	20 00
2120.	"	101—Repairs, heating apparatus,	115 00
2121.	"	103— " " "	415 00
2122.	"	104— " " "	59 00
2123.	"	105— " " "	47 00
2124.	"	107— " " "	44 00
2125.	"	108— " " "	28 00
2126.	"	110— " " "	31 00
2127.	"	111— " " "	66 00
2128.	"	113— " " "	25 00
2129.	"	115— " " "	35 00
2130.	"	116—Repairs heating apparatus,	180 00
2131.	"	118—Repairs to stoves,	19 00
2132.	"	120—Repairs to furniture,	10 00
2133.	"	121—Covers for trap pits, etc.,	90 00
2134.	"	122—Repairs heating apparatus,	339 00
2135.	"	125— " " "	245 00
2136.	"	127— " " "	198 00
2137.	"	128— " " "	225 00
2138.	"	130— " " "	86 00
2139.	"	131— " " "	125 00
2140.	"	131—Repairs to furniture,	55 00
2141.	"	132—Repairs to stoves	22 00

App. No.		
2142.	P. S. 134—Repairs heating apparatus,	$31 00
2143.	" 135—Repairs heating apparatus,	195 00
2144.	" 135—Changing wardrobe and repairs,	30 00
2145.	" 136—Repairs heating apparatus,	65 00
2146.	" 138—Repairs heating apparatus,	115 00
2147.	" 139—Repairs to stoves,	15 00
2148.	" 140—Repairs heating apparatus,	83 00
2149.	" 142—Repairs heating apparatus,	149 00
2150.	" 143—Repairs to stoves,	32 00
2151.	" 145—Repairs to stoves,	35 00
2152.	" 149—Repairs heating apparatus,	71 00
2153.	" 151— " " "	16 00
2154.	" 152— " " "	87 00
2155.	Ann. P. S. 152—Repairs to stoves,	5 00
2156.	P. S. 155—Repairs heating apparatus,	37 00
2157.	" 161—Repairs heating apparatus,	127 00
2158.	" 161—Carpets and linoleum,	34 88
2159.	" 162—Repairs heating apparatus,	167 00
2160.	" 162—Fresh air inlet,	79 00
2161.	" 163—Repairs heating apparatus,	82 00
2162.	Hall, B. E.—Repairs heating apparatus,	382 00
2163.	Girls' H. S.— " " "	230 00
2164.	Boys' H. S.— " " "	189 00
2165.	Truant School.—New water closet and sanitary repairs,	145 00

FURNITURE AND REPAIRS OF.

App. No.		
7.	P. S. 21.—Repairing desks and seats,	$254 15
8.	" 25.— " " "	48 50
9.	" 75.— " " "	250 00
10.	" 140.—Repairs to furniture	240 00
11.	" 3.— " "	286 00
12.	" 11.— " "	211 00
13.	" 18.— " "	218 00
14.	" 19.— " "	155 00
15.	" 25.—Venetian blinds,	63 00

App. No.			
16.	P. S.	27.—Repairs to furniture,	$243 00
17.	"	27.—Slate blackboards,	28 00
18.	"	28.—Repairs to furniture,	67 00
19.	"	31.— " "	315 00
20.	"	36.— " "	177 00
21.	"	43.—Venetian blinds,	145 00
22.	"	43.—Slate blackboards,	23 00
23.	"	44.— " "	134 00
24.	"	44.—Repairs to furniture,	42 00
25.	"	46.—Slate blackboards,	117 00
26.	"	46.—Repairs to furniture, etc.,	107 19
27.	"	50.— " "	232 00
28.	"	53.— " "	162 00
29.	"	57.— " "	248 00
30.	"	57.—Slate blackboards,	40 00
31.	"	58.—Repairs to furniture,	270 00
32.	"	68.—Slate blackboards,	67 00
33.	"	72.—Repairs to furniture,	399 00
34.	"	73.—Slate blackboards,	64 00
35.	"	75.— " "	52 00
36.	"	76.—Repairs to furniture,	294 00
37.	"	77.—Slate blackboards,	69 00
38.	"	77.—Venetian blinds,	118 00
39.	"	84.—Slate blackboards,	23 00
40.	"	86.—Window shades,	10 00
41.	"	86.—Slate blackboards,	58 00
42.	"	126.—Repairs to furniture,	197 50
43.	"	129.—Venetian blinds,	16 75

PLACING FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH WIRES IN THE SUBWAYS.

App. No.			
1.	P. S.	5.—Fire alarm connections,	$240 00
2.	"	81.— " " "	181 00
3.	"	99.— " " "	320 00
4.	"	138.— " " "	296 00
5.	"	154.— " " "	165 00

App. No.

6.	P. S. 155—Fire alarm connection, . . .	$280 00
7.	" 156— " " . . .	185 00
8.	Truant School—Fire alarm connection, . .	225 00
9.	P. S. 1—Fire alarm connection, . . .	497 00
10.	" 12— " " . . .	360 00
11.	" 20— " " . . .	385 75
12.	" 42— " " . . .	375 00
13.	" 158— " " . . .	875 00
14.	" 160— " " . . .	397 50

Granted.

Public School 89.—Slate blackboards. H. N. Booz, $77 00

A communication was received from The Consolidated Lehigh Slate Co. (Ltd.), protesting against the award of this contract to H. N. Booz, in view of the fact that on former contracts the Cleveland School Furniture Co. had not lived up to specifications and completed the work in the time called for and that slate can be purchased cheaper in a different season of the year.

Laid over.

The Superintendent asked that appropriations be made to pay the following bills, incurred on verbal orders issued by his authority or where prices are fixed, etc.:

BUILDINGS' CONTINGENT FUND. ACCOUNT OF 1896. INSPECTORS' EMERGENCY ORDERS.

App. No.

280.	John W. Burgoyne, Sept. 21/96—Washbasins, etc., Pr. S. 24, ...	$9 05
281.	John W. Burgoyne, Sept. 23/96—Clearing supply pipe, G. S. 14, ...	4 77
282.	John W. Burgoyne, Sept. 26/96—Repairing supply pipe, G. S. 35, ...	6 50
283.	John W. Burgoyne, Sept. 30/96—Faucets, etc., G. S. 2, ...	9 80
284.	John W. Burgoyne, Oct. 5/96—Repairing drain pipe, G. S. 43, ...	19 80

GENERAL REPAIR FUND. ACCOUNT, JANUARY, 1898.

App. No.		
412.	Cleveland School Furniture Co., Jan. 6/98—Slate, P. S. 53,	$3 50

GENERAL REPAIR FUND, VERBAL ORDERS, ETC.

App. No.		
2019.	The E. Howard Watch & Clock Co., May 27/98—Clocks, P. S. 126,	$28 00
2020.	Joseph W. O'Brien, May 17/98—Clearing waste pipe, P. S. 3,	6 98
2021.	Joseph W. O'Brien, May 25/98—Clearing sewer, etc., P. S. 44,	17 07
2022.	John Hankin, April 9/98—Taking up belt, P. S. 58,	12 00
2023.	E. J. Deegan, Feb. 24/98—Repairing roof, P. S. 63,	9 73
2024.	Police Department, City of New York, June 9/98—Testing boiler, P. S. 67,	2 00
2025.	John J. Jordan, May 24/98—Rearranging furniture, P. S. 133,	8 00
2026.	Wm. Lohmann, May 16/98—Tuning pianos, P. S. 76,	2 50
2027.	John H. Goetschius, April 1/98—Setting furniture, P. S. 124,	4 00

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the bills be approved and appropriations made.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 3:30 P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. LITTLE and MCSWEENY—3.

The Minutes of the meeting held June 27th, 1898, were amended on page 366, 10th line from the bottom, by striking out the figure "5" and inserting the figure "3," making the number "343," instead of "345," and upon motion of Dr. McSweeny were approved as amended.

High Schools.—From the Committee on High Schools relative to use of Public School 63 for High School purposes. (See Minutes, pp 342, 352 and 366.)

The CHAIRMAN reported that as the matter had been referred to him with power, he had consulted with the Superintendent of School Buildings and with Mr. Murphy, contractor for erecting new P. S. 63, and it had been agreed that $900 was a fair compensation to the contractor for allowing the old structure to remain. A report asking for the necessary appropriation had therefore been prepared and presented to the School Board at the meeting held July 6th, 1898.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the report of the Chairman be accepted.

Adopted.

Public School 11.—From the Committee on Studies relative to fitting up the two southeast corner rooms on the top floor as a workshop by removing the partitions between them. (See Minutes, pp. 343 and 366.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that plans, etc., providing for the removal of partitions between the two southeasterly class rooms on the fourth story, as suggested, had been submitted to the Department of Buildings and approved. The estimated cost is about $450 to $500.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the request of the Committee on Studies be granted and the Superintendent of School Buildings requested to have the necessary work done.

Adopted.

Public School 103.—Communication from Borough Superintendent Jasper relative to dividing the gymnasium into class rooms, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 339 and 369.)

The following communication was received from the Committee on Studies:

"With reference to your communication in regard to partitioning off the gymnasium in P. S. 103 for classroom purposes, the following resolution was adopted by the Committee on Studies at its meeting of June 28th:

"*Resolved*, That the proposition that gymnasium in P. S. 103 be cut up into classrooms has not been approved by this Committee (see Minutes of Committee on Studies, page 106), and that this Committee is of the opinion that the gymnasium should not be touched."

Ordered, That the matter be referred back to Borough Superintendent Jasper, with the statement that this Committee does not consider the gymnasium a fit place to be used for classroom purposes, but would suggest that the workshop might be transferred to the gymnasium and the present workshop divided into classrooms, as it is sufficiently large to afford three rooms of the proper size; also with the request that the Superintendent will personally investigate the premises and report back to this Committee.

Public School 25.—From the Inspectors of the Seventh School District suggesting that the room now fitted up for library on the *west* side of main entrance be changed to the easterly side and

the present room cleared, fitted up and properly furnished for a Janitor's office. (See Minutes, p. 370.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the library referred to had been fitted up at some expense and the room on the easterly side thrown into playroom. He therefore suggested that an office be arranged for the Janitor under the main stairway on the first story, which could be done by putting in a glazed partition with a sash door and thus give the Janitor control of the entrance at all times. This will cost about $75.

Mr. Hiram Merritt, Chairman of the Board of Inspectors of the Seventh School District, was present in regard to the matter and objected to fitting up an office for Janitor under the stairs, stating that it would be preferable in his opinion to allow him to have his desk in the library as at present until the room was used for library purposes, for although there were shelves in place, no books had been put there.

Ordered, That no change be made at present and a report submitted to the Borough Board, stating the facts in the case and asking to be relieved from further consideration.

Public School 10.—From the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-seventh School District relative to the advisability of converting the room known as the clay modeling room into a classroom. (See Minutes, p. 371.)

A request was also received from Mr. E. R. Birkins, Principal of the School, that three new classrooms be formed on the fifth floor of the building.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that he had seen Mr. Birkins and learned that he wished to have the room originally intended for a workshop, divided into three classrooms, and the northwest room, at present used for the girls' gymnasium, converted into a workshop. The necessary alterations to carry out this plan will cost about $600.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Studies for a report as to the advisability of the changes suggested.

Adopted.

Public School 155.—Communication from W. F. Lyon, Principal, asking permission to place a grammar class in room on fifth floor formerly part of workshop. (See Minutes, p. 372.)

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported that the room in question is separated from the rest of the workshop by sliding doors and needs no partition to form it into a classroom; it is also fully supplied with chairs, desks and teacher's desk, and has been used at times for this purpose. The average attendance at the beginning of last year almost equalled the seating capacity without the use of this additional classroom, but at the present time there are 196 vacant seats.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Studies and Borough Superintendent Jasper, for a report as to the necesssity for the use of this extra classroom.

Adopted.

Public School 37.—From Miss Margaret C. Cornell, Principal, asking to have a room on the top floor of annex fitted up for classroom purposes. (See Minutes, p. 373.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that he had learned that Miss Cornell desired to have furniture placed in the south room, fifth floor of new annex, so that it could be used as a classroom for the highest grade. This will only necessitate placing the required furniture, blackboard, bookcase and wardrobe.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Studies and Borough Superintendent Jasper for reports.

Public School 44.—From Mr. Michael Moran, Janitor, stating that $65 was deducted from his salary on payroll for March for the period of his illness from February 23d to April 11th, 1898, and asking to be excused for absence. (See Minutes, p. 373.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell submitted a certificate from S. Nelson Irwin, M. D., to the effect that he had treated Mr. Moran at his residence and also at the school, P. S. 44, for a period of seven weeks from February 23d to April 15th, 1898.

Dr. McSWEENY stated that in view of the facts which were

presented at the time Mr. Moran was summoned before this Committee on charges from the Board of Inspectors of the Third School District (see Minutes, p. 262), and that he had already been fined five days' pay for neglect of duty for the period, which salary was deducted, he moved that half the amount deducted, that is, $32.50, be restored to Mr. Moran, and that the Principal be so notified.

Adopted.

Public School 70.—Request from the Chairman of the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-second School District to have classrooms 1 and 2 on the first floor abandoned. (See Minutes, p. 373.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the two rooms in question are located on the first story directly adjoining the pupils' water closets, and during the Summer weather are almost untenantable from the offensive odors arising from these closets. There are two rooms on the second story, main assembly room, where classes taught in rooms on first floor can be transferred, if electric light is introduced; these rooms have but one window each, but as they are separated from the main room by curtains only, there would be ample ventilation.

He further stated that the rooms objected to by the Inspectors are well lighted, much better than those on the second story and the ventilation is excellent, except for the close proximity to closets.

Mr. LITTLE stated that in his opinion the windows opening upon the closets should be sealed up perfectly tight and thus prevent disagreeable odors from entering, and moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to seal the windows in question in the best possible manner to prevent odors from penetrating the classrooms.

Adopted.

Public School 6.—Request from the Associate Alumni, endorsed by the Chairman of the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth School District, to use the gymnasium three even-

ings each week and a room in which to hold meetings and literary exercises, Principal and teacher of the first grade to give their personal supervision and see that proper use is made of the rooms. (See Minutes, pp. 272 and 374.)

Ordered, That the Board of Inspectors be notified that unless this Committee has the written assurance of Principal and teacher that they will be present during the entire period of each meeting, it will be unable to grant their request.

High Schools.—From the Secretary of the School Board referring communications from the Committee on High Schools in regard to repairs to be made to Boys' High School and Girls' High School. (See Minutes, p. 375.)

Also resolutions adopted by the School Board at a meeting held June 15th, 1898, in regard to P. S. 9, 63 and 67. (See Minutes, pp. 375–376.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the necessary alterations, etc., to fit these buildings for High School purposes, would in almost all cases cost considerably over $1,000, thus making it necessary to advertise the work.

Ordered, That a report be presented to the Borough Board requesting the Board of Education to have the necessary work done.

Public School 89.—Communication from The Consolidated Lehigh Slate Co. (Ltd.) protesting against the award of contract for slate blackboards to the Cleveland School Furniture Co. (See Minutes, p. 392.)

Mr. LITTLE moved that the papers be transferred to the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education, with a statement of the facts in the case.

Adopted.

Communication from L. Boehm, asking for the use of a classroom in P. S. 82 to hold meetings of a literary society, which has been organized in one of the classes of the said school.

Ordered, That the matter be laid over until the first meeting

in September, to be taken up in connection with other requests of a similar nature. (See Minutes, pp. 160 and 164)

From Borough Superintendent Jasper, submitting analyses of quarterly reports of Inspectors of Fifth and Thirty-fifth School Districts.

On motion, referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell to investigate the matters complained of, and where necessary have repairs, etc., made as far as funds will permit.

From the Board of School Inspectors, Eighth District, suggesting that gates or doors be placed at the entrance to stairways leading from the playgrounds of buildings to which Summer recreation grounds are attached; that a lounge be furnished to P. S. 105; that wall on east side of P. S. 131 be lowered about 3 feet; that front doors of P. S. 15 be painted and a bridge connection made between main building and annex, etc., etc.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the matter of lowering wall at P. S. 131 was presented in a previous complaint from this Board of Inspectors, and request denied by order of the Chairman of this Committee.

Ordered, That the Inspectors be notified of the facts in regard to P. S. 131 and that the other matters mentioned in their communication will receive attention as far as funds ~~would~~ will permit.

From the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth School District relative to needed repairs at P. S. 77; also referring to somewhat careless manner in which Janitor does his work, and need of asphalt pavement in streets adjacent to P. S. 53 and 96.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the attention of the Department of Highways had been called to the necessity for asphalt pavement on street in rear of P. S. 53 and street and avenue adjoining P. S. 96, through a report to the Board on May 5th, 1898; also that provision had been made in the speci-

fications for summer work to paint the ceilings in a number of rooms in boys' department, P. S. 77.

Ordered, That the Inspectors be notified of the facts in regard to P. S. 53, 77 and 96, and also that the manner in which Janitor performs his duties will be investigated.

From Board of Inspectors Thirty-first School District relative to the needs of P. S 39, 128 and 163.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell to investigate the matters referred to.

Public School 77.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported having given permission to Mr. E. A. Page in behalf of the Associate Alumni of the school, to hold a meeting in a room of the building on Friday evening, July 1st, 1898.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 86.—From Mr. John T. Tully, Janitor, asking for leave of absence from July 11th to 17th, 1898.

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that although the time designated does not comply with the by-law governing Janitors' vacations, yet the bids for repairs to this building did not open until July 7th and therefore work will not be started until late in the month. He therefore recommended that application be granted.

Mr. Little moved that the application be granted.

Adopted.

From the Secretary of the School Board transmitting a communication from John T. Buchanan, Principal of Boys' High School, relative to changes, etc., in the building, approved by the Committee on High Schools.

Ordered, That the communication be referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell.

Public School 10.—The Superintendent reported having excused the Janitor on Tuesday, June 28th, 1898, for the purpose of visiting the Comptroller's office to get his check.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 10.—Application from the Janitor to be allowed to have one day in each week during vacation for the purpose of visiting his wife, who is ill at Baldwins, L. I.

Mr. Little moved that the request be granted.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings called attention to the fact that he has received a number of requests from Janitors for permission to attend the excursion to be given by the Janitors' Association on July 19th, 1898, and suggested that all Janitors be given permission to attend this excursion, if they so desire, provided they leave a trustworthy assistant in charge, for whom they must be responsible.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent be approved and the Janitors notified.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following communication, under date of July 5th, 1898:

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

Gentlemen: Mr. Seth T. Stewart, Assistant Superintendent, who is in charge of the Vacation Playgrounds and Vacation Schools, has asked that the janitors of vacation schools be notified that the school buildings are to be open from 8:30 to 11:30 a. m., beginning Monday, July 11th, five days per week, closing Friday August 19th, 1898. The yards are to be opened at 8 a. m. and the rooms at 8:15 a. m.

He also desires that Public School 142 be substituted for Public School 121, and that other schools be substituted for Nos. 14 and 16, where extensive repairs are being made.

In reference to the vacation playgrounds, he desires that notice be given to the janitors that they are to be opened July 6th, or as soon thereafter as shall be directed by the Superintendent in charge, Mr. Stewart. This being necessary to provide against the delay which might ensue in securing proper workers.

They are to be open six days per week from July 6th, closing September 3d, from 8 a. m. to 12 m., and from 1 p. m. to 6 p. m. Teachers to be admitted fifteen minutes before each period and will probably remain fifteen minutes thereafter to see that proper dismissal is had.

Respectfully
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

The Chairman reported that as there was no meeting held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., and a request was received from Mr. Seth T. Stewart, Chairman Vacation School Committee for Board of Superintendents, asking that Public School 2 be used instead of P. S. 1 for vacation school; also that P. S. 38 and 40 be substituted for P. S. 16 and 14, and that the playground of P. S. 23 be used instead of that at P. S. 2. He gave orders that the janitors of the list of schools selected be notified as per the following.

NEW YORK, *July* 5, 1898.

Vacation Schools.—Public Schools 2, 7, 13, 34, 122, 40, 142, 38 and 127.

Notice to Janitors:

The above-named buildings have been selected for the holding of vacation schools, beginning Monday, July 11th, five days each week, closing Friday, August 19th, 1898. Sessions from 8:30 to 11:30 a. m. Yards to be opened at 8 a. m., rooms at 8:15 a. m.

Please have everything in readiness for school sessions at the time indicated.

The matter of compensation to janitors will be taken up at

the meeting of the Committee on Sites and Buildings, to be held Monday next, the 11th inst.

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

By order of RICHARD H. ADAMS,
Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

NEW YORK, *July* 5th, 1898.

Vacation Play-Grounds :—Public Schools 23, 4, 15, 25, 37, 48, 49, 56, 57, 75, 78, 84, 93, 94, 105, 107, 112, 117, 120 and 131.

Notice to Janitors:

The above-named school buildings have been selected for Vacation School play-grounds, to be opened July 6th, or as soon thereafter as the Supervisor of Vacation Schools and Play-grounds, Mr. Seth T. Stewart, shall send proper persons to take charge thereof. The schools, with the exception of Public School 23, will close on September 3d. Public School 23, owing to repairs, will close August 15th. Each play-ground to be open six days in each week from 8 A. M. to 12 M., and from 1 to 6 P. M. Teachers to be admitted fifteen minutes before each period, and will probably remain fifteen minutes after closing to see that proper dismissal is maintained.

The matter of compensation to Janitors will be taken up at the meeting of the Committee on Sites and Buildings to be held Monday next, the 11th inst.

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

By Order of RICHARD H. ADAMS,
Chairman Committee on Sites and Buildings.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

In regard to compensation to be paid to the Janitors in schools where the first story and yards are to be used for vacation play-

ground purposes, Deputy Superintendent Haskell suggested that in all buildings where the Janitor has 13,000 square feet or less under his care his compensation be fixed at $8 per week, and for all play-ground and yard surface over 13,000 square feet the compensation be fixed at the rate of 60 cents per 1,000 square feet per week to be figured to the nearest unit. No Janitor to receive over $15 per week.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the recommendations of the Deputy Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 116.—The following communication from Borough Superintendent Jasper, addressed to the Committee on Studies and approved by that Committee, was received:

NEW YORK, *June* 28, 1898.

To the Committee on Studies:

In relation to the report of the Board of Inspectors of the Fourth District concurring the Kindergarten in Public School 116, the Associate Superintendent in charge of that school reports that said class was small during the winter months. With the advent of spring it increased in numbers; in April there were 20 on register, in May 21; since then, it has fallen to 16 and this in spite of the fact that the children in this Kindergarten are, on the average, younger than in most schools.

He believes the following to be causes contributing to this condition:

1. The preference shown by parents for schools with a grammar department.

2. The great number of kindergartens (8) in the vicinity of this school.

3. The fact that it might have been wiser not to promote so many out of the class in February.

The Associate Superintendent held a consultation with the Principal of this school after said promotion, and conferred with her recently concerning the coming promotions. He feels that he can give the assurance that the class in the fall will be as *large as the* average in the city.

Some months ago he visited the Primary Principals of No. 49 and No. 14 and requested them hereafter not to accept any new pupils living nearer No. 116 or No. 27. This will, in time, increase the attendance in both No. 27 and No. 116.

The room corresponding to the Kindergarten at the southwest of the building was without pupils in the months of February and March; in April there were 45 on register and in May 31. The assistant to Principal was placed in charge of said class.

The two rooms at the back of the building (galleries) could with a few alterations be changed into classrooms. As a precautionary means to provide for future growth, I would recommend that such alterations be made, although I believe, these classrooms will not be needed in the immediate future.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,

Borough Superintendent.

Ordered, That the matter be placed on file until there is need for the additional classrooms, and the Committee on Studies notified.

Public School 29.—From the Committee on Studies transmitting a report from a Sub-Committee in regard to establishing a kindergarten in this school, with its approval, as follows:

NEW YORK, *June* 28, 1898.

Honorable William Greenough, Chairman:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the enclosed communication of the Borough Superintendent of June 21, in the matter of a Kindergarten, to be established in P. S. 29, concerning which the undersigned made a report on April 12 last, respectfully reports as follows:

The remarks of the Borough Superintendent are fully appreciated, and undoubtedly accentuate the difficulties attending the establishment of the Kindergarten in question, in one of the rooms now used for school purposes, and the shifting and consolidation of classes made necessary thereby. The consolidation of grades 6B and 6A would undoubtedly present some difficulty,

in view of the combined register of these two classes, which I found to have been as follows, in recent years:

March 1, 1896,	47
Oct. 1, "	43
March 1, 1897,	48
Oct. 1, "	47
March 1, 1898,	43

Nevertheless, the comments of the Borough Superintendent do not dispose of the fundamental question, which is the desirability of establishing a Kindergarten in this school, demonstrated by a study of the necessities of the neighborhood, and supported by the judgment of the Principal, of several of the Associate Superintendents, and of the Supervisor of Kindergarten Instruction. All that the Borough Superintendent states, relates simply to the degree of difficulty with which the establishment of a Kindergarten in this school is confronted, without denying the merits of the case.

Giving full credit to the communication of the Borough Superintendent, it, nevertheless, does not appear to the undersigned that the obstacles are insurmountable, and after consulting with the Principal of P. S. 29, I would recommend that a portion of the yard, adjoining present classrooms on the ground floor, be partitioned off for that purpose, so that the Kindergarten may be in operation at the beginning of the fall term.

I have been informed that a proposition of this character meets with the approval of several of the Associate Superintendents, who have had an opportunity of looking into the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB W. MACK,
Sub-Committee.

(As will be seen from the Minutes of this Committee, page 255, this matter has already been discussed and arrangements made to provide for a Kindergarten class whenever the Committee on Studies shall signify its intention of establishing such a class.)

Laid over.

From the Committee on Studies referring the following communication from Borough Superintendent Jasper to this Committee:

NEW YORK, *June* 28, 1898.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In May, 1897, and again at a later date, Associate Superintendent Schauffler was asked to investigate and report on the advisability of hiring the premises on Fifty-second street near Second avenue, formerly known as "Lincoln Academy" and the "German American School" for use as an Annex to P. S. 135. At those times the circumstances and the condition of the schools in the vicinity did not seem to me to warrant the expense. Now, however, the growth of the school population in that district and the crowded condition of said school, especially in its lower grades, makes it not only wise, but imperative, that something be done to provide for the additions that will surely seek for admission next September. However, the closet accommodations are very inadequate, boys' closets only 6 seats, and the flushing arrangement defective; girls' closets, 5 seats.

In view of the above statements, I would recommend that the premises named be acquired and put into condition for the use of primary children.

Respectfully,
JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

The Chairman called attention to a former report from Borough Superintendent Jasper in regard to this same building, found in Minutes of 1897, pages 585, 675 and 677.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the matter be laid over for future consideration.

Adopted.

Public School 133.—Communication from the Cleveland School Furniture Company, contractors for furniture, Item II. Public School 133, stating that they had completed their contract some time since, final payment having been approved by this Committee, but were unable to get their money.

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that the final, certificate on this contract was signed by this Committee on May 16th and forwarded to the Comptroller, but it has been stated that the Comptroller considers the contract illegal, having been signed January 10th, 1898, although awarded on December 29th, 1897.

Mr. LITTLE moved that a letter be written to the President of the Board in the name of this Committee, stating the full facts in regard to the actual date contract was awarded, etc., and requesting him to communicate with the Comptroller.

Adopted.

Public School 48.—Application from the Principal, asking for twenty-four high chairs; also five chairs for platforms in P. D.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell stated that the cost of these chairs would be about $50.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the application be granted, and referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings to give the necessary order for supplying the chairs.

Adopted.

Public School 81.—Bill of William J. Oliver for services rendered as acting Janitor for the month of June, $153.

Superintendent of School Buildings stated that no regular Janitor had yet been appointed for this school. Mr. Oliver is still in charge and is entitled to payment for his services.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the bill be approved and a report presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation.

Adopted.

Public School 150.—Two bills of John H. Fagan, $99 each, for services as acting Janitor for the months of May and June, 1898.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that Mr. Fagan has been receiving payment for his services at the rate of $99 per month since September 1, 1897, which included an *allowance* for house rent of $221 per year, or $17 per payment.

He also received a rent allowance as Janitor of P. S. 109 and $17 should be deducted from the amount for P. S. 150, leaving $82. Mr. Fagan is therefore entitled to the following for the months of May and June:

Salary for May,		$82 00
" " June,		82 00
		$164 00
Over payment for Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec., 1897, 4 months at $17,	$68 00	
Over payment for Jan., Feb., March and April, 1898, 4 months at $17,	68 00	136 00
		$28 00

Dr. McSweeny moved that the bills as amended, be approved, and a report presented to the Board asking for the necessary appropriation to pay same.

Adopted.

Public School 102.—From the New York Steam Fitting Co. in reference to their contract for steam heating, etc., which was awarded to them on December 27th, 1897, stating that when submitting their bid they calculated on commencing the work immediately and completing it within 60 days, but to carry it out now when building is nearing completion would necessitate their doing a large amount of work not figured on, such as cutting out of floors, etc., etc., and which would not have been necessary had the contract been signed and carried out as others heretofore. Further, the price of materials and labor had advanced, and asking that the work be either readvertised or an extra allowance be made them.

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that money for this contract was granted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on July 1st, 1898, and contract can now be executed at any time.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education.

From the Superintendent of School Buildings transmitting a notice from Mr. John Baptist Marshall, in regard to affidavits made by a subcontractor against John W. Franklin, Inspector, together with copy of his reply.

Mr. John Baptist Marshall appeared before the Committee and was informed by the Chairman that the matters referred to in his communication should be presented to the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education, as since July 1st, 1898, the Committee on Sites and Buildings had no further jurisdiction in such cases.

Mr. LITTLE moved that all papers in connection with this matter be transferred to the Committee on Buildings.

Adopted.

The Chairman stated that he was about to leave town for some weeks and suggested that some member of the Committee be designated to act in his place until his return, in case any important business should come up.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Dr. McSweeny be appointed Chairman pro tem.

Adopted.

Public School 156.—The Chairman stated that some time since the Committee on Studies had recommended that a kindergarten be established in this school, but no formal notice was ever sent to this Committee. Now, however, he has received a request from Chairman of that Committee to have the room properly equipped for a kindergarten class.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell to have the necessary work done.

Public School 4.—The Chairman presented a communication from Mr. Seth T. Stewart, Associate Superintendent, as follows:

"I find that on account of the small divisions and the wooden floor in the playground of P. S. 4, there is a disposition to over crowd and the air is constantly filled with dust. Will you kindly designate some other building in its neighborhood, as P. S. 92, as a substitute for P. S. 4?

If for other reasons, we find on further investigation that P. S. 54 is better located for play ground purposes than P. S. 93, may we change on notice to the Building Department?

Through certain hours of the day we want to open branch library work in connection with the play grounds. May we not in each play ground school open the rooms, if any, opening into the play ground as reading rooms, or if there is no such room, open some one classroom for this purpose provided the rooms thus used are placed by us under proper supervision?

Sincerely yours,

SETH T. STEWART,
Associate Superintendent and Chairman,
Vacation Schools and Play Grounds.

Referred to the Chairman *pro tem.* and Deputy Superintendent Haskell, with power.

From the Committee on Special Schools referring a communication from the Principal of Evening School 7, asking that certain improvements be made in the building, extra lights put in, etc.

Referred to the Chairman *pro tem.* and Deputy Superintendent Haskell, with power.

The Chairman presented a communication from the New York Public School Janitors' Association in regard to regulating the compensation of Janitors.

Ordered, That the matter be referred to the Chairman with power.

The Chairman reported having signed the following specifications in approval for the Committee:

Alterations, repairs, etc., P. S. 13, 30, 72, 83, 86, 103 and 121. Signed June 29th, 1898.

Alterations, repairs, etc., P. S. 7. Signed June 29th, 1898.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LITTLE and MCSWEENY—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held July 12th, as printed, were approved.

Public School 103.—Communication from the Borough Superintendent, relative to dividing the gymnasium into classrooms. (See Minutes, pp. 339, 369 and 396.)

The following report was received from Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent:

"July 26th: In relation to dividing the gymnasium at P. S. 103 into classrooms, I would respectfully state that I have investigated the matter very carefully, and I am of the opinion that it would be better to transfer the workshop from the room which it now occupies to the present gymnasium. Three classrooms could then be formed in the room which is now occupied by the workshop, and a large number of children out of school in this immediate neighborhood could then be accommodated. I would recommend that this change be made as soon as is practicable."

Mr. LITTLE moved that the matter be referred to the Chairman with power.

Adopted.

Public School 10.—Communication from the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-seventh School District, relative to the

advisability of converting the room known as Clay Modeling Room into a classroom; also communication from Mr. E. R. Birkins, Principal, in regard to the matter. (See Minntes, pp. 371 and 397.)

Laid over to await report from Committee on Studies.

Public School 155.—Communication from W. F. Lyon, Principal, asking permission to place a grammar class in room on fifth floor, formerly part of the workshop. (See Minutes, pp. 372 and 398.)

Laid over to await report from Committee on Course of Studies.

Public School 37.—Communication from Miss Margaret C. Cornell, Principal, asking to have a room on the top floor of the Annex fitted up for classroom purposes. (See Minutes, pp. 373 and 398.)

Laid over to await report from Committee on Studies.

Public School 29.—Communication from the Committee on Studies, transmitting a report from a sub-committee, in regard to establishing a kindergarten in this school, with its approval. (See Minutes, p. 407.)

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell for report, after consultation with the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 135.—Communication from the Committee on Studies, referring a communication from Borough Superintendent Jasper, in regard to hiring premises on Fifty-second street, near Second avenue, for use as an Annex. (For text of letter see Miuutes 1898, p. 409, and Minutes 1897, pp. 585, 675 and 677.)

Mr. LITTLE moved that the matter be referred to the Chairman for report as to whether the number of children in the vicinity will warrant the hiring of the premises in question.

Adopted.

Leases.—Communication from Arthur McMullin, Secretary of the School Board, submitting a statement of the expiration of leases of premises used for school purposes, viz.:

Use.	Location.	Lessor.	Expires.	Annual Rent.
P. S. 123,	263–5 W. 124th St.,	Wm. A. Martin,	May 1, 1899, .	$5,000
P. S. 163,	509–17 E. 120th St.,	Ernest O. Bernet,	Dec. 1, 1900, .	3,950
P. S. 109,	1913–15 2d Ave.,	Jacob Ruppert,	Oct. 1, 1899, .	4,200
An. P. S. 46,	155th St. & 10th Ave.,	Fanny Keary,	Oct. 6, 1898, .	2,800
An. P. S. 39,	230 East 125th St.,	John P. Walther, *et al.*,	Dec. 15, 1898. .	2,000
P. S. 119,	135th St. & 10th Ave.,	John Just, *et al* ,	Feb. 1, 1899, .	5,000
P. S. 140,	102 Norfolk St.,	The U. S. Trust Co.,	Mar. 20, 1901, .	350
An. B. E.,	160 Elm St.,	Thomas D. Hogg,	Feb. 1, 1899, .	1,700
P. S. 117,	77th St. nr. 3d Ave.,	Heb. Ben. & Orp. Asylum	May 7, 1927, .	7,000
P. S. 95,	13–17 E. 125th St.,	Edwin F. Corey,	May 1. 1899, .	5,000
P. S. 128,	179–81 E. 124th St.,	Max Erlanger,	May 1, 1889, .	3,750
An. P. S. 144,	Burnett Pl., Springhurst,	Chas. G. Jorgensen,	Sept. 15, 1899, .	720
P. S. 24,	1941 Madison Ave.,	Wm. A. Martin,	July 1, 1900, .	4,500
An. P. S. 83,	225 East 110th St.,	Edward D. Farrell,	Aug. 1, 1900, .	1,000
An. P. S. 4,	71–73 Pitt St.,	Julia A. Heron,	May 1, 1899, .	1,200
An. P. S. 102,	Main St. & Fordham Ave., City Island,	John O. Fordham,	Until new bldg. for P. S. 102 is completed, .	180
P. S. 143,	599 E. 140th St., H. M.,	M. S. & C. P. Sterling,	Oct. 15, 1898, .	1,800
An. P. S. 86,	96th St. & Park Ave.,	Francis J. Schnugg,	Jan. 1, 1899, .	960
An. B. E.,	419–21 Broome St.,	Herman Wronkow,	Feb. 1, 1899, .	2,100

Use.	Location.	Lessor.	Expires.	Annual Rent.
P. S. 149,	182–184 Cherry St.,	Fred. Alexander,	Dec. 15, 1899, .	$4,750
An. P. S. 34,	Willett St. M. E. Church,	Trustees,	Feb. 25, 1899, .	1,200
P. S. 142,	102d St. & 1st Ave.,	Otto Volkening,	Jan. 15, 1902, .	6,000
P. S. 150,	316–18 E. 96th St.,	Edward D. Connolly,	Feb. 8, 1900, .	2,400
An. P. S. 61,	174th St. & Wash Ave.,	Trustees 1st Presby. Church,	Jan. 1, 1899, .	2,500
An. P. S. 85,	142d St. & Alexander Ave.,	Trustees St. Mary's P. E. Church,	Feb. 1, 1889, .	1,567
An. P. S. 94,	71st St. & Boulevard,	Pastor, Ch. of the Blessed Sacrament,	Feb 1, 1898, .	No rent
An. B. E.,	585–7 Broadway,	Louis Etlinger,	Jan. 31, 1899, .	5,750
	308–10 E. 96th St.,	Edward D. Connolly,	Aug. 16, 1900,	$3,500
	197 E. Broadway,	Educational Alliance,	To terminate upon 60 days' notice from either party, . .	300
	99th St. nr. Amsterdam Ave.,	John P. Peters, Rector St. Michael's P. E. Church,	Nov. 15, 1899,	3,200
An. P. S. 97,	Unionport,	Trustees German Odd Fellows' Home,	To terminate upon 30 days' notice from either party, . .	No rent

Use.	Location.	Lessor.	Expires.	Annual Rent.
	104th St. & Amsterdam Ave.,	Trustees Grace M. E. Ch.,	Jan 1, 1899, .	$3,500
	150th St. & Mott Ave.,	Trustees Mott Ave. M. E. Church,	Dec. 10, 1898,	3,000
Storehouse,	426 E. 110th St.,	Mrs. Lillian L. Canda,	Jan. 6, 1903, .	1,200
An. P. S. 57,	162 East 116th St.,	Emanuel Alexander,	Feb. 1, 1900, .	2,000

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Mr LITTLE moved that the list be referred to Borough Superintendent Jasper for a report as to the necessity of renewing the leases in question at the date of their expiration.

Adopted.

Communication from Jacob Riis (see Minutes, pp. 63, 79, 98, 114, 122 and 160).

Mr. LITTLE moved that the matter be dropped from the calendar.

Adopted.

Communication from the Inspectors of the Fourteenth School District relative to the designation of one school building in each District, in which rooms may be set aside for use during the evening, by clubs or societies of school graduates for educational purposes, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 83, 97, 114, 122 and 164.)

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the Inspectors be requested to name a school, and the conditions under which they propose to to have the same properly cared for.

Adopted.

Communication from the Inspectors of the Twelfth District, asking that one school building in each district be designated, in which rooms may be set apart for the use of clubs, societies, etc., for educational purposes (see Minutes, pp. 136 and 165).

Mr. LITTLE moved that the Inspectors be requested to name a school, and the conditions under which they propose to have the same properly cared for.

Adopted.

Communication from the Patriotic League, for permission to have a club of boys meet in a school building in the vicinity of Norfolk street (see Minutes, pp. 136 and 165).

Mr. LITTLE moved that the communication be referred to the Inspectors of the district.

Adopted.

Communication from William W. Seymour, requesting permission to use, once a week, some space in new Public School 1 or 2, for a club of boys; referred from the Committee on Teachers (seen Minutes, pp. 136 and 165).

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Mr. Seymour be requested to notify the Committee as to whether he is desirous of appearing before the Committee and explaining his request.

Adopted.

Public School 8.—From the Inspectors of the Ninth School District, recommending that as soon as the title to property adjoining the school on the east side is received, plans be immediately prepared for the erection of an addition (see Minutes, pp. 188 and 206).

(Property not yet in possession of the Board.)

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the item be stricken from the calendar.

Adopted.

Public School 82.—Communication from L. Boehm, asking for the use of a classroom in the building to hold meetings of a literary society, which has been organized in one of the classes of the school (see Minutes, p. 400).

Mr. LITTLE moved that Mr. Boehm be notified that if he can name any school official who will be willing to be present when the society is in session, the matter will be fully considered.

Adopted.

The Chairman reported that by his orders the following-named Janitors were directed to take charge of new school buildings and get them ready for occupancy, viz:

P. S. 1.—Timothy J. O'Brien, P. S. 23.

P. S. 20.—Patrick Dowd, P. S. 13.

P. S. 63.—Konrad Müller, P. S. 63 (old).

P. S. 147.—George W. Christian, P. S. 34.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

The Chairman reported that Janitors required for nine school buildings, and submitted a list of applicants.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Chairman and Superintendent of School Buildings select two applicants for each school whom they deem qualified for appointment, and notify them to appear before the Committee.

Adopted.

The Chairman *pro tem*, Dr. MCSWEENY, reported that he had approved applications from Janitors, for vacation, one week in each case as prescribed by the By-Laws, as follows:

P. S. 9.—Alfred Hawes,	P. S. 77.—Edward Cassin,
" 16—Joseph A. Edgerly,	" 78.—John E. Lundy,
" 26.—Philip J. Windecker,	" 84.—Wm. F. Palmer,
" 32.—John F. Beil,	" 88.—Walter Garrigan,
" 37.—Daniel Riordan,	" 90.—Ralph F. Baxter,
" 45.—John Shields,	" 113.—Henry H. Roome,
" 52.—Mary Miller,	" 121.—Wm. F. Kenefeck.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Matter of adjustment of Janitors salaries, which was referred to the Chairman with power, at the meeting held July 12, 1898 (see Minutes p. 413).

Laid over.

The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to the urgent need for presenting a resolution to the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, requesting the Board of Education to use every effort to erect new buildings on the sites, One hundred and twelfth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, and One hundred and sixteenth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues. (This last site is not yet in the possession of said Board).

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that a resolution carrying out the statement of the Chairman be presented to the School Board.

Adopted.

A list of Inspectors who continued in service of the Board, at the time when there were no funds to pay their salaries, was submitted.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the list be referred to the Chairman.

Adopted.

Public Schools 11, 45, 55 and 56.—Communication from Borough Superintendent Jasper, submitting an analyses of quarterly reports of Inspectors of the 13th District, relative to the needs of Public Schools 11, 45, 55 and 56.

Referred to the Chairman and Deputy Superintendent Haskell.

Communication from Borough Superintendent Jasper, submitting analyses of quarterly reports of the Inspectors of the 8th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 22d, 23d, and 27th Districts.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the items be stricken from the calender, the recommendations made in said reports having been disposed of.

Adopted.

Communications from the Fire Department, relative to providing fire alarm connection at Public Schools 98, 138, and 139.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved to strike from the calendar the matter of fire alarm connection in P. S. 98 and 139, contracts having been made for providing the same, and the matter of supplying similar connection for P. S. 138 be referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Adopted.

Public School 46, Annex.—From Fanny Keary, calling attention to the fact that the lease of premises One hundred and fifty-fifth street and Tenth avenue, will expire on October 1st, 1898.

A report was received from Mr. J. B. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx, stating :

"With regard to the letter hereto attached from Madam Fanny Keary with regard to the lease of premises on One hun-

dred and fifty-fifth street, I would respectfully report that said premises are occupied by Annex to Public School 46, and that the lease is dated October 6th and not October 1st as stated. I would also recommend that the said lease be renewed."

Mr. EUSTIS moved that a report be submitted to the School Board, requesting the Board of Education to renew the lease in question for a period of two years, the present annual rental being $2,800.

Adopted.

Communication from Samuel C. Baum, owner of premises No. 521 East One hundred and twentieth street, offering the property for school purposes.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the proposition be rejected, the property not being suitable for school purposes.

Adopted.

Boys' High School, Annex.—Communication from the Committee on High Schools transmitted with its approval, an application from the Principal of the school for a program clock and a system of bells.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell, with a request that the application be granted.

Vacation Schools.—Matter of compensation of janitors of Vacation School.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved to recommend to the School Board that the action of the Board in fixing the salaries of the Janitors of the Vacation Schools at $10 and $12 per week, respectively (see Journal, pp. 728, 864, 865), be rescinded, and that the salaries of the Janitors of these schools be fixed at the following rates:

P. S. 2	$5.72 per day.	P. S. 38	$3.00 per day.
" 7	3.23 "	" 40	3.00 "
" 13	5.22 "	" 122	3.00 "
" 30	4.96 "	" 127	3.24 "
" 34	3.80 "	" 142	3.20 "

Adopted.

Communication from the Secretary of the Janitors' Association, tendering a vote of thanks to the Committee for allowing all janitors, who so desired, to attend the excursion given by the Association on July 19th, 1898.

Placed on file.

Public School 81.—Bills of Willam J. Oliver for services as acting Janitor for the months of May, July and August, at $153 per month.

Dr. McSWEENY moved to recommend to the School Board that the bills be paid.

Adopted.

Public School 150.—Bills of John H. Fagan, P. S. 109, for services as acting Janitor for the months of July and August, 1898, at $82 per month.

Dr. McSWEENY moved to recommend to the School Board that the bills be paid.

Adopted.

Public School 55.—Communication from J. C. Samuel offering for sale the flat house No. 134 West Twentieth street, adjoining P. S. 55, for school purposes.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Mr. Samuel be notified that this Board has no fund at its disposal with which to purchase the property in question.

Adopted.

Public School 108.—With reference to application from the Janitor of P. S. 108 for an increase of salary on account of additional yard space to care for.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that according to the By-Laws the Janitor was entitled to an increase in his salary, as follows:

Annual salary.	Increase.	To take effect.
$988.	$65.	September 1, 1898.

Granted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported having excused the following-named Janitors from duty, each having given the name and address of assistant left in charge:

P. S. 48.—George F. Haller, 2 days August
" 75.—Frederick Meyer, July 23d.
" 39.—J. D. Keenan, August 22d.
" 143.—E. A. Van Orden, August 23d, to Aug. 26th.
" 1.—E. H. Terwilliger, September 5th and 6th.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 69.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that he had authorized the Janitor to open the building for an examination held by the agents of the State Superintendent of Schools on August 22d, 1898.

Mr. Eustis moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 90.—The Chairman reported that a large number of paving stones piled at this school, One hundred and sixty-third street and Eagle avenue, is a serious detriment to the school.

Dr. McSweeny moved that a communication be sent to the President of the Borough of The Bronx requesting him to cause the stones to be removed, in order that the school may not be interferred with.

Adopted.

Public School 90.—The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following copy of a letter addressed by him to the President of the Board of Education:

September 12, 1898.

Hon. Charles Buckley Hubbell,
President, Board of Education.

Dear Sir: At Public School 90, One hundred and sixty-third

street and Eagle avenue, Dr. Evander Childs, Principal, I find that Contractors J. C. Rogers & Sons of One hundred and thirty-eighth street and Walton avenue, who are excavating, regulating and grading One hundred sixty-third street, are actively engaged in blasting rock within close proximity to the northerly wall of the school building, being less than the distance across the street. After consulation with the Principal of the school this morning, I would advise that the northerly half of the school be closed for the present week until the present ledge of rock upon which they are working shall have been removed. This was promised to have been done by Saturday night last, but the foreman states this morning that he has as yet three or four days' work to do thereon.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

Received and placed on file.

Public School 133.—A communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings reporting the necessity for incurring the bill of Frank Dobson, order November 20, 1897, for connecting radiators for temporary heat, to protect the plastering from freezing, amounting to $170.

Ordered, To recommend to the School Board that the bill be paid from the appropriation entitled "Heating and ventilating apparatus changes and repairs of 1897."

Adopted.

The following-named bills were approved for payment from the accounts of 1897.

Heating and ventilating apparatus, etc.

Frank Dobson, connecting radiators Nov. 22d to Dec. 15 (subject to appropriation), ... $170

Buildings Contingent Fund.

The E. Howard Clock Co., clock for P. S. 152, June 21, 1898 (ordered Nov. 23), ... 35

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,

Secretary.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board, Nos. 585 and 587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. LITTLE and the PRESIDENT—3.

The Minutes of the meeting held September 12th, as printed, were approved.

Public School 103.—Relative to dividing the gymnasium into classrooms, etc. (See Minutes, pp. 339, 369, 396 and 415.)

The Chairman, to whom the matter was referred with power at the meeting held September 12th, reported that he had ordered the work to be done.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 10.—Communication from the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-seventh School District, relative to the advisability of converting the room known as the Clay Modeling Room into a classroom; also from Mr. Birkins, Principal, in regard to the matter. (See Minutes, pp. 37, 397 and 415.)

Laid over, to await report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 155.—Communication from Mr. W. F. Lyon, Principal, asking permission to place a grammar class in a room

on the fifth floor, formerly part of the workshop. (See Minutes, pp. 372, 388, 416.)

Laid over, to await report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 37.—Communication from Miss Margaret C. Cornell, Principal, asking permission to have a room on the top floor of the Annex, fitted up for classroom purposes. (See Minutes, pp. 373, 398 and 416.)

Laid over, to await report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 29.—Communication from the Committee on Studies, transmitting a report from a Sub-Committee, in regard to establishing a Kindergarten in this School, with its approval. (See Minutes, pp. 407 and 416.)

Mr. Haskell, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reported as follows, under date of September 19, 1898:

"With reference to the matter of providing a Kindergarten at P. S. 29, I beg to report that a Kindergarten room about 18x23½ feet, can be formed on the east side of this building, by taking a portion of the boys' playground adjoining main entrance. It will cost for partitions, flooring, painting, etc., about $200.

Or, if it is desired to erect a one-story Kindergarten room on the west side, utilizing a portion of the girls' yard, a room 20½ x22 feet can be obtained. The cost would be about $1,500.

Placing the Kindergarten in the boys' playroom, while it will reduce the area of this playroom about 24 feet in length, the Kindergarten room will be better situated for the little boys and little girls to reach the sanitary closets, than if the Kindergarten was placed in the girls' yard, which would necessitate the boys crossing the girls' playroom to get to their yard." (Sketch plans are attached.)

Mr. Little moved that this Committee recommend to the Committee on Studies that the portion of the boys' playground referred to in Mr. Haskell's report be partitioned off to form a kindergarten 18x23½ feet.

Adopted.

Public School 135.—From the Committee on Studies, referring a communication from Borough Superintendent Jasper in regard to hiring premises on Fifty-second street, near Second avenue, for use as an annex. (See Minutes, pp. 409 and 416 of 1898 and pp. 585, 675 and 677 of 1897.)

The Chairman reported that he had investigated the matter as to whether the school population will warrant the hiring of the premises in question and finds about 300 vacant seats in Public School 135; the register number being 1,247, while the seating capacity is 1,550; and to place the premises proposed to be leased in proper condition for school purposes will cost from $2,500 to $3,000.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the above facts be submitted to the Committee on Studies with a recommendation that the premises be not leased.

Adopted.

Communication from the Secretary of the School Board, submitting a list of leases and dates of termination of the same. (For list, see Minutes, pp. 416–418.)

Laid over, awaiting report from Borough Superintendent Jasper.

Communication from the Inspectors of the Twelfth and Fourteenth School Districts relative to designating one school building in each district, in which rooms may be set aside for the use of clubs or societies of school graduates for educational purposes. (Twelfth District, see Minutes, pp. 136, 165 and 420; Fourteenth District, see Minutes, pp. 83, 97, 114, 122, 164 and 420.)

Laid over, to await report from Inspectors.

Communication from the Patriotic League, to have a club of boys meet in a school building in the vicinity of Norfolk street. (See Minutes, pp. 136, 165 and 420.)

A communication was received from the Chairman of the

Inspectors of the Second School District, stating that he will bring the matter to the attention of the Board of Inspectors at its next regular meeting.

Laid over.

Communication from William W. Seymour, requesting permission to use, once a week, some space in P. S. 1 or 2 for a club of boys; referred from the Committee on Teachers. (See Minutes, pp. 136, 165 and 421.)

Laid over to await letter from Mr. Seymour.

Public School 82.—Communication from Mr. L. Boehm, asking for the use of a classroom in the building in which to hold meeting of a literary society which has been organized in one of the classes of the school. (See Minutes, pp. 400 and 421.)

A communication was received from Mr. Boehm in which he states that Mr. Crosby, the Janitor, has agreed to be present when the society holds its meeting.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Mr. Boehm be notified that the selection of the Janitor of the school is not satisfactory to the Committee.

Adopted.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the minutes of the Committee be corrected as follows:

Page 135—Ninth and tenth lines from top of the page, by striking out "7/30 of $165 or $38.50" and inserting "7/28 of $165 or $41.25."

Page 134—Ninth line from top of page, by striking out "3/30 of $76, being $7.60," and inserting "3/28 of $76, being $8.14."

Adopted.

Consideration of the matter of selecting Janitors for the Public Schools.

After a very careful consideration of the subject, the Com-

mittee decided to recommend to the School Board the following transfers of Janitors:

Appointed. Name.	Transferred from.
New P. S. 1—E. H. Terwilliger, . .	From old P. S. 1
Old " 1—Richard G. Cashman, . .	" P. S. 114
P. S. 20—Patrick Dowd, . .	" " 13
" 13—Frank S. Brown, . . .	" " 24
" 147—Thomas Leonard, . . .	" " 21
" 42—John T. Jameson, . . .	" old " 42
Old P. S. 42—George Bladou, . . .	" " 142
P. S. 142—Louis Frick, ...	" " 137
" 137—Edward J. Sheridan, . .	" " 106
" 63—Adolph Maisch, . . .	" " 43
" 43—S. R. Brown, ...	" " 60
" 60—Alexander McLean, . .	" " 130
" 31—William J. Tobin, . .	" " 149

The consideration of the matter of the adjustment of the salaries of Janitors was again laid over.

List of Inspectors who continued in the service of the Board at the time when there were no funds to pay their salaries. (See Minutes, p, 413 and 422.)

Laid over.

Public Schools 11, 45, 55, 56.—Report of the Inspectors of the Thirteenth School District, relative to the condition of the schools.

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported to the Committee that he had notified the Inspectors of the disposition which had been made of the recommendations in each case.

Placed on file.

Public School 138.—Communication from the Fire Department, with reference to providing proper means of connecting the school with the fire alarm system. (See Minutes, p. 423.)

Deputy Superintendent Haskell reported that the matter was being attended to.

Communication from Miss Jenny B. Merrill, Supervisor of Kindergartens, with reference to holding monthly conferences during the coming year with the kindergarteners, and for permission to use any of the kindergarten rooms for the purpose.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Miss Merrill be notified that if she will designate the school buildings in which she desires to hold the conferences referred to, the Committee will inform the Janitors.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that he had excused the absence of the following named Janitors, viz.:

P. S. 87—Theodore F. Naudin, one week in July.
" 125—Peter Becker, one hour, on Sept. 19.
" 107—Edwin Stone, half day, Sept. 19.
" 2—John Mullin, Sept. 27 and 28.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Analyses of the reports of the Inspectors of the 25th, 34th and 35th Districts, submitted by the Borough Superintendent to the School Board, at a meeting held September 12, 1898.

Referred to the Chairman and Mr. Haskell, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 32, Annex.—From the Inspectors of Seventeenth School District, recommending that an extension be built to the Annex; also, that another connection be made between the main building of said school and the annex on West Thirty-sixth street.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell.

Public School 161.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Fifth School District, with reference to the proposed erec-

tion of a building on the north side of the school, thereby excluding light and air from said school.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Sites of the Board of Education, and that the Inspectors be notified of such reference.

Adopted.

Public School 20.—Communication from Mr. Louis A. Sable, for the use of a room in Public School 20, on Rivington street, for the purpose of holding a meeting of graduates to organize an Alumni, on September 17th.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that he notified the Janitor of P. S. 20, to allow the use of a room in his building, on Saturday, Sept. 17, 1898, to Mr. Louis A. Sable, for the purpose of organizing an Alumni Association.

The action of the Superintendent was approved.

Public School 9.—Communication from Miss Teresa Bernholz, Principal, complaining against the use of a steam drill, which is being used in Eighty-third street.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Haskell.

Reports of the Inspectors of the 2d, 9th, 14th, 16th, 22d, 23d and 27th School Districts.

The following report was received from Deputy Superintendent Haskell:

NEW YORK, *Sept.* 16, 1898.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN, ESQ.,
Secretary, Board of Education,
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

DEAR SIR: I hand you herewith, report of the Chairman of the Committee on Sites and Buildings as to his action on the recommendations of various Boards of District Inspectors—to be placed on the calendar for the next meeting of the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

With regard to the quarterly reports of the Board of Inspectors of Districts Nos. 2, 9, 14, 16, 22, 23 and 27, Hon. Richard H. Adams, Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings, reports that the various items have received consideration and the action of the Chairman has been communicated to the various Boards in each case.

The Chairman begs to call the attention of the Committee to the following items contained in these reports:

The suggestions of the Board of Inspectors of the Second District:

PUBLIC SCHOOL 2.—"We would strongly urge that, when the Annex is ready, the entire building be supplied with new furniture, as the desks in use at present are old, do not belong to the building, and have only been put there to tide over an emergency."

This matter to be called to the attention of the Central Board.

The request of the Board of Inspectors of the Ninth District:

PUBLIC SCHOOL 8.—"For the proper fitting up of the east lower room for teachers' retiring room—recommendation that some of the children of Public School 8 be transferred to vacant classroom in Public School 113."

To be referred to the Committee on Studies.

The request of the Board of Inspectors of the Sixteenth District:

"That the front of Public School 27 be painted."

Deputy Superintendent to report.

The request for an iron fence on the wall in the rear of Public School 73, East Forty-seventh street, "to prevent boys and men from the street climbing over the wall and making use of the yard."

Suggestions of the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-third District:

"It is earnestly desired that no encroachment be made to re-

tard the growth of Public School 9, or make use of such classrooms as may be needed for a proper grading and adjustment of the school, at the expense of Primary and Grammar work. The population in the vicinity of this school is fast increasing, and as both No. 87 on the South and No. 93 on the North are overcrowded, this school must of necessity relieve these conditions."

To be referred to the School Board.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS 87 AND 94.—The Board of Inspectors earnestly request that asphalt pavement be laid in front of these schools.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 94.—It is recommended "that more provision be made for cabinets in each classroom to contain the specimens collected by the pupils in their nature and science work, so that they may not be forced to resort to soap box cabinets."

Respectfully,

WM. C. HASKELL,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.

Public School 27.—Mr. Haskell, the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reported that the front of this school requires painting.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the matter be recommended to the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education.

Adopted.

Public School 73.—Communication from Inspectors of the Sixteenth School District, with reference to placing an iron fence on the wall in the rear of the school.

A report was submitted from Repair Inspector Adams, in which it is stated "there is no need of an iron fence on rear wall facing on Forty-seventh street. Locks have been placed on the gates and the boys do not climb over the wall."

Ordered, That the Inspectors be notified of the report of Inspector Adams.

The following report was received from Mr. Haskell, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings:

NEW YORK, *September* 9, 1898.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings,
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx:

GENTLEMEN: Dr. Daniel E. McSweeny, Chairman *pro tem.*, reports that at the request of Mr. Stewart, Associate Superintendent and Chairman of Vacation Schools and Playgrounds, Public School 53 was opened for Vacation Playground purposes in the place of Public School 117.

Public School 88 in place of Public School 4; also, that half day playgrounds were opened in Public Schools 13 and 7; playground of P. S. 94, having been found unnecessary, was closed.

With regard to compensation to janitors for buildings where Vacation Playgrounds were opened, the Chairman *pro tem.* begs to submit the following figures, in each case being computed in accordance with the schedule adopted by the Committee on Sites and Buildings, pages 405–406:

Public School	4,	$9.00 per week.
"	15,	8.00 per week.
"	23,	10.00 per week.
"	25,	15.00 per week.
"	37,	11.00 per week.
"	48,	8.00 per week.
"	49,	15.00 per week.
"	56,	8.00 per week.
"	57,	12.00 per week.
"	78,	11.00 per week.
"	75,	11.00 per week.
"	84,	10.00 per week.
"	93,	15.00 per week.
"	105,	8.00 per week.
"	107,	8.00 per week.
"	112,	8.00 per week.
"	117,	9.00 per week.

Public School 120, . . $8.00 per week.
" 131, . . 8.00 per week.
" 94, . . 14.00 per week.
" 88, . . 11.00 per week.
" 13, . . open ½ day, $6.50 per week.
" 7, . . open ½ day, $6.50 per week.
" 53, . . $11.00 per week.

Respectfully,

WM. C. HASKELL,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.

The action of the Acting Chairman was approved.

Public School 9—Annex to Girls' High School.—Communication from the Committee on High Schools, submitting a communication from the Principal of the Girls' High School, relative to making changes in the plans for the Annex, to change rooms so as to provide an office.

Approved.

The following communication was received from Mr. Haskell, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings:

NEW YORK, *Sept.* 17, 1898.

Hon. RICHARD H. ADAMS,
Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

DEAR SIR: At your request I have made an approximate estimate of the damages done to the various school buildings by use of the first story for vacation playground purposes:

PUBLIC SCHOOL 56.—Five cane seat chairs broken and repairs, damage to plastering in playground and front hall, one bench broken, 10 lights of glass, 4 spring hinges for closet door, ... $18 00

PUBLIC SCHOOL 120.—Plaster ceiling to be repaired and painted, paint fence and passageway, paint wall of boys' playground, 3 sash cords, 5 hooks on doors, 15 lights of glass, ... 70 00

Public School 4.—Twenty lights of glass, . . .	$8 50
Public School 13.—Fifty lights of glass, 2 doors broken, painting of partition, ...	40 00
Public School 131.—Repairs to cold air box, paint brick wall boys' yard and passageway, regrain library, repair broken door, 28 lights of glass, .	75 00
Public School 88.—Ten lights of glass, ...	5 00
Public School 25.—Painting of ceiling and partition in boys' playground, repairing and painting plaster wall of boys' passage, 30 lights of glass (window), 2 lights of wired glass in the doors, . . .	65 00
Public School 105.—The wall of east and south walls need painting, 10 lights of glass, ...	60 00
Public School 15.—Ceiling and partition painted, 20 lights of glass, ...	50 00
Public School 37.—Removing sand, repairing plastered wall where basket ball frames and baskets were removed, ...	15 00
Public School 57.—Removing sand and replacing broken glass in windows of first story playground,	6 00
Public School 78.—One light of glass broken (this was replaced by Janitor with glass on the premises), .	50
Public School 53.—Repairs and kalsomining of ceiling, ...	35 00
Public School 48.—Repairs to faucets in playground, 5 lights of glass, repairs to asphalt of floor, replacing a broken panel in east exit door, repairs and painting of the walls in playground, repairs to metal ceiling, etc., ...	30 00
Public School 84.—Repairs to metal skylight, new ribbed glass for same, repairs of girls' and boys' water closets, one teachers' chair broken, damage to cooking range, pipe, etc., damage to painted walls in cooking room, ...	42 00

PUBLIC SCHOOL 94.—Repairs to drinking sinks, 2 lights of glass, removing sand, repairs, cleaning of painted walls and ceilings and kalsomining of walls in Annex, repairs and painting of partition, dividing playrooms in old building, ... $275 00

Total, ... $795 00

This shows a grand total of $795, which represents the damage done to the buildings by use of same for vacation playgrounds.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. HASKELL,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.

Ordered, That said communication be printed in full in the minutes.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Mr. Haskell, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, be authorized to detail as many of his assistants as he can possibly spare for the work, to ascertain where rooms, located in congested districts, may be hired for kindergarten purposes, and report the same to this Committee.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585 and 587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS and LITTLE—3.

The Minutes of the meeting held September 19th, as printed, were approved.

Public School 10.—Communication from the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-seventh School District, relative to the advisability of converting the room known as the Clay Modeling Room into a classroom; also communication from Mr. E. R. Birkins, Principal, in regard to the matter. (See Minutes, pp. 371, 397, 415 and 429.)

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had carefully examined into the matter of making the proposed changes, and earnestly recommended that they be made.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education be requested to make the changes referred to.

Adopted.

Public School 155.—Communication from Mr. W. F. Lyon, Principal, asking permission to place a grammar class in a room on the fifth floor, formerly part of the workshop. (See Minutes, pp. 372, 388, 416 and 430.)

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Committee on Studies be again requested to report on this subject.

Adopted.

Public School 37.—Communication from Mrs. Margaret C. Cornell, Principal, asking permission to have a room on top floor of the Annex fitted up for classroom purposes. (See Minutes, pp. 373, 398 416 and 430.)

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Committee on Course of Studies be again requested to report on this subject.

Adopted.

Communication from the Secretary submitting a list of leases and dates of termination of the same. (For list, see Minutes, pp. 416-418.)

NOTE.—This list was referred to the Borough Superintendent, September 12th, Minutes, p. 420, for a report as to the necessity of renewing the leases in question.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Mr. Jasper, the Borough Superintendent, be requested to report to this Committee at its meeting to be held October 3, 1898, as to the necessity of renewing the following-named leases, enumerated in the list above referred to, viz.:

Use.	Location.	Expires.
An. P. S. 39,	230 East 125th St.,	Dec. 15, 1898.
P. S. 119,	135th St. & 10th Ave.,	Feb. 1, 1899.
An. Bd. of Ed.,	160 Elm St.,	Feb. 1, 1899.
An. P. S. 86,	96th St. & Park Ave.,	Jan. 1, 1899.
An. Bd. of Ed.,	419-421 Broome St.,	Feb. 1, 1899.
An. P. S. 34,	Willett St. M. E. Church,	Feb. 25, 1899.
An. P. S. 61,	174th St. & Washington Ave.,	Jan. 1, 1899.
An. P. S. 85,	142d St. & Alexander Ave.,	Feb. 1, 1899.
An. P. S. 94,	71st St. & Boulevard,	Feb. 1, 1899.
An. P. S. 54,	104th St. & Amsterdam Ave.,	Jan. 1, 1899.
150th St. & Mott Ave.,	Church,	Dec. 10, 1898.

Adopted.

Communication from the Inspectors of the Twelfth and Fourteenth Districts, relative to designating one school building in each district, in which rooms may be set aside for the use of

clubs or societies of school graduates for educational purposes. (Twelfth District, see Minutes, pp. 136, 165, 420 and 431; Fourteenth District, see Minutes, pp. 83, 97, 114, 122, 164, 420 and 431.)

Laid over, to await report of Inspectors.

Communication from the Patriotic League, to have a club of boys meet in a school building in the vicinity of Norfolk street. (See Minutes, pp. 136, 165, 420 and 431.)

A communication was received from Mr. Homan, Inspector, stating that he will bring the communication before the Board of Inspectors at its next regular meeting, and report the result to the Committee.

Laid over.

Communication from Mr. William W. Seymour, requesting permission to use, once a week, some space in Public Schools 1 or 2, for a club of boys; referred by the Committee on Teachers. (See Minutes, pp. 136, 165, 421 and 432.)

Mr. Seymour was present, as also Mr. Geischeidt and Mr. Homan, Chairman of the Board of Inspectors of the First and Second School Districts respectively.

Mr. Geischeidt informed the Committee that he would devote his time, as an Inspector, to looking after the school interests when the club is in session in old Public School 1.

Laid over.

Public School 82.—Communication from L. Boehm, in which he states that Mr. B. Louis Snyder, a teacher in P. S. 82, will be present when the society holds its meetings. (See Minutes, pp. 400, 421 and 432.)

Mr. Eustis moved that Mr. Snyder be requested to notify this Committee in writing as to whether he is willing to be present at the meetings of the society in question.

Adopted.

The CHAIRMAN submitted a list of Inspectors on new buildings who served from May 2d to and including June 20th, 1898. These Inspectors were suspended in consequence of the suspension of the issue of school house bonds, but continued to serve:

John Mallon,	General, . .	$193 50
James M. Finlay,	" . .	81 00
Jacob Warner,	P. S. 157, . .	166 50
William H. McCord,	" 63, . .	171 00
Peter F. Mellen,	" 164, . .	193 50
Otto C. Assenheimer,	" 12, . .	193 50
Jenkin Jones,	" 158, . .	144 00
Charles K. Hyde,	" 159, . .	139 50
John Kelly,	" 137, . .	193 50
Alexander Grant,	" 20, . .	193 50
Edmund W. Hoag,	" 153, . .	189 00
Michael F. Long,	" 2, . .	193 50
Michael J. Daly,	" 40, . .	81 00
Theodore H. Mackey,	" 160, . .	166 50

Mr. EUSTIS moved to recommend to the Board of Education that the above-named Inspectors be paid the amounts set opposite their names respectively, from the bond account.

Adopted.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Mr. James Dennison, General Inspector, be not paid his claim for $215 as General Inspector on new buildings from May 2d to and including June 20, 1898, he not having worked during his suspension.

Adopted.

From Miss Jenny B. Merrill, Supervisor of Kindergartens, naming the following public school buildings in which she proposes to hold conferences with kindergartners during the coming year, (see Minutes, p. 434), viz.: P. S. 9, 10, 30, 48, 58, 61, 66, 90, 125 and 154.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Miss Merrill be requested to notify

the Committee of the dates on which she proposes to hold the conferences, in order that the Janitors may be notified.

Adopted.

Analyses of reports from the Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth, Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Districts. (See Minutes, p. 434.)

The CHAIRMAN reported that the matters referred to in said reports had been attended to.

Public School 32, Annex.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Seventeenth District, recommending that an extension be built to the Annex; also, that another connection be made between the main building of said school and the Annex on West Thirty-sixth street. (See Minutes, p. 434.)

Mr. Haskell, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *September* 26, 1898.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx:

GENTLEMEN: In reference to the Board of Inspectors of the Seventeenth District, that extension be built in the West Thirty-sixth street building, etc., I beg to report that the land adjoining the Annex is occupied by the Janitor as a residence, and at present there are no funds available for improving the same.

With reference to the recommendation that a connection be made between the main building and Annex at West Thirty-sixth street, I beg to advise you that this bridge should be erected when the Annex is constructed on Thirty-sixth street. The difficulty at present experienced by the teacher in the west rear classroom of the Thirty-fifth street building is owing to the constant passing to and fro of teachers, visitors and scholars to reach the bridge leading to the Thirty-sixth street building, and could be avoided by erecting a partition down the east side across the rear of the room, and which would cost about $100.

I would respectfully recommend that the erection of this partition be submitted to the Central Board for their action.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. HASKELL,

Deputy Sup't of School Buildings, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the request that an extension be built in the West Thirty-sixth street building be denied, and that the recommendation of Mr. Haskell, with reference to making a connection between the main building and the Annex at West Thirty-sixth street, be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 9.—Communication from Miss Teresa Bernholz, Principal, complaining against the use of a steam drill, which is being used in Eighty-third street.

Mr. Robinson, Inspector of Repairs, reported:

"The contractor for drilling and blasting on the lots north of the school is C. Pucci, of No. 427 East 113th street. He says it would interfere with his work to stop drilling during school sessions. but will time the blasting to cause no annoyance. About two weeks will finish his work."

Ordered, That said report be printed in the minutes and Miss Bernholz notified of its contents.

Borough Superintendent's analyses of reports of Inspectors of the Fourth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-ninth and Thirty-third Districts referred to this Committee by the School Board September 21, 1898

Mr. Haskell, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reported that the recommendations contained in said reports had been attended to.

Communication from David Lazarus, President of the Young Americans' Social Club (graduates and school boys of P. S. 75),

requesting that rooms in some public school be assigned for the members of the club, to be used on Saturday nights at 8 o'clock P.M.

Ordered, That Mr. Lazarus be requested to submit a certificate from some responsible school official, who will agree to be present when the club is in session, before the Committee will take action.

Complaint of the Board of Health against the Truant Home.

Referred to Mr. Haskell, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, to have the violation rectified.

Public School 120.—With reference to application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of additional yard space to care for.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that according to the By-Laws the Janitor was entitled to an increase in his salary as follows :

Annual salary.	Increase.	To take effect
$1,001	$52	September 12, 1898

Approved.

Public School 96.—On recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Haskell, Mr. James H. Brown, Janitor, was granted a leave of absence for September 29.

Public School 54.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth District recommending that the walls and woodwork of the classrooms in the Primary Department should be painted.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education be notified that the walls and woodwork of the classrooms in the Primary Department should be painted.

Adopted.

Public School 81.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Thirty-fourth School District recommending that two

Natural History Cabinets be placed—one in room on fifth story and the other in Room 13.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Committee on Supplies of the Board of Education be requested to supply the cabinets referred to.

Adopted.

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Adopted.

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the Commissioners on the tablet of this school, the names of the local inspectors be placed.

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Adopted.

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Public School 147.—Communication
the Fourth District, requesting that in

Public School	120,	$8.00 per week.
"	131,	8.00 per week.
"	94,	14.00 per week.
"	88,	11.00 per week.
"	13,	open ½ day, $6.50 per week.
"	7,	open ½ day, $6.50 per week.
"	53,	$11.00 per week.

Respectfully,

WM. C. HASKELL,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.

The action of the Acting Chairman was approved.

Public School 9—Annex to Girls' High School.—Communication from the Committee on High Schools, submitting a communication from the Principal of the Girls' High School, relative to making changes in the plans for the Annex, to change rooms so as to provide an office.

Approved.

The following communication was received from Mr. Haskell, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings:

NEW YORK, *Sept.* 17, 1898.

Hon. RICHARD H. ADAMS,
Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

DEAR SIR: At your request I have made an approximate estimate of the damages done to the various school buildings by use of the first story for vacation playground purposes:

PUBLIC SCHOOL 56.—Five cane seat chairs broken and repairs, damage to plastering in playground and front hall, one bench broken, 10 lights of glass, 4 spring hinges for closet door, ... $18 00

PUBLIC SCHOOL 120.—Plaster ceiling to be repaired and painted, paint fence and passageway, paint wall of boys' playground, 3 sash cords, 5 hooks on doors, 15 lights of glass, ... 70 00

Mr. J. B. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent, reported: "Is a frame building, 3 stories in height, . . . The first story has a stone front and comprises two large rooms, well suited for classrooms, the lighting being excellent. The upper two stories are cut up into many small rooms not available for school purposes. The cellar floor is not concreted; there is one water closet on the second story; the water supply is from a well in the cellar, whence it is pumped by hand to a tank on the roof. There is no heating apparatus of any kind. The adjoining lots are four or five feet below the level of the street, and are enclosed with barbed wire fence. The building appears to be in a state of tolerably good repair."

Mr. Eustis moved that the application be denied.

Adopted.

Communication from the Hebrew Technical Institute, No. 267 Henry street, offering the assembly room on the first floor, size about 18x45 feet, for accommodation of Kindergarten classes.

Referred to Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, for report as to the necessity of acquiring accommodations for Kindergarten classes in this section.

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No. 328 East Eighty-sixth street (Mozart Hall).

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Mr. Eustis moved that the propositions be rejected, not being suitable for school purposes.

Adopted.

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Referred to the Chairman for report.

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No. 1960 Third avenue, southeast corner One hundred and first street—Store 23x45 feet, Rev. H. M. Tyndall reserves the right to use the premises for a Sunday School, and also for Gospel meetings certain evenings in the week.

P. S. 92—The room at present used for Inspectors' meeting room, could be utilized for Kindergarten class.

P. S. 23—First story, east side from wing room on Thirty-fifth street, could be utilized for Kindergarten, if it is desired in this neighborhood.

P. S. 56—The small rooms on the west side of the main entrance would be suitable for use of Kindergarten class.

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Propositions to rent the following described premises for school purposes were rejected:

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Store building, One hundred and tenth street and Third avenue.

Front building, No. 107 East One hundred and eleventh street.

First floor of store building, One hundred and first street and Boulevard.

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Store, Avenue A and Houston street (corner).

Store and basement, S. W. corner Avenue B and Twelfth street.

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The following-named premises, offered for school purposes, were referred to the Chairman for report:

P. S. 5.—Store No. 129 Edgecombe avenue, S. W. corner One hundred and forty-first street, opposite the school.

P. S. 89.—Two stores, Nos. 58 and 60 West One hundred and thirty-fifth street.

The consideration of the offers of the following-named premises for school purposes, was laid over, to await propositions from the owners:

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No. 111 Lexington avenue (store).

One hundred and tenth street and Second avenue (store).

Market and Monroe streets (store).

Communication from George Bladon declining the transfer as Janitor from Public School 142 to old Public School 42.

Mr. EUSTIS moved to recommend to the School Board that Mr. Bladon be retained as Janitor of P. S. 142 and that Louis Fricke, at present employed in P. S. 137, be transferred to old P. S. 42.

Adopted.

Mr. EUSTIS moved to report to the School Board, recommending that the Board of Education insert in the Budget for

1899 an appropriation of money for the purpose of completing the acquisition of the following described school sites:

1.—12 Lots on One hundred and forty-fifth and One hundred and forty-sixth streets, beginning 325 feet east of the Boulevard (150′x 199′ 10″). Not acquired yet; under condemnation proceedings.

2.—Plot on One hundred and sixteenth and One hundred and seventeenth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues, beginning 450 feet east of Lenox avenue (150′x201′ 10″). Not acquired yet; under condemnation proceedings.

3.—Plot on east side of Wadsworth avenue, One hundred and eighty-second and One hundred and eighty-third streets, adjoining site of P. S. 132 (104′ 11″x 150′ and 50′x 79′ 9″).

(Preliminary award $24,250. No notice of confirmation by the Courts.)

The following-named bills were approved:

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ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN submitted a list of Inspectors on new buildings who served from May 2d to and including June 20th, 1898. These Inspectors were suspended in consequence of the suspension of the issue of school house bonds, but continued to serve:

John Mallon,	General, . .	$193 50
James M. Finlay,	" . .	81 00
Jacob Warner,	P. S. 157, . .	166 50
William H. McCord,	" 63, . .	171 00
Peter F. Mellen,	" 164, . .	193 50
Otto C. Assenheimer,	" 12, . .	193 50
Jenkin Jones,	" 158, . .	144 00
Charles K. Hyde,	" 159, . .	139 50
John Kelly,	" 137, . .	193 50
Alexander Grant,	" 20, . .	193 50
Edmund W. Hoag,	" 153, . .	189 00
Michael F. Long,	" 2, . .	193 50
Michael J. Daly,	" 40, . .	81 00
Theodore H. Mackey,	" 160, . .	166 50

Mr. EUSTIS moved to recommend to the Board of Education that the above-named Inspectors be paid the amounts set opposite their names respectively, from the bond account.

Adopted.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Mr. James Dennison, General Inspector, be not paid his claim for $215 as General Inspector on new buildings from May 2d to and including June 20, 1898, he not having worked during his suspension.

Adopted.

From Miss Jenny B. Merrill, Supervisor of Kindergartens, naming the following public school buildings in which she proposes to hold conferences with kindergartners during the coming year, (see Minutes, p. 434), viz.: P. S. 9, 10, 30, 48, 58, 61, 66, 90, 125 and 154.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Miss Merrill be requested to notify

the Committee of the dates on which she proposes to hold the conferences, in order that the Janitors may be notified.

Adopted.

Analyses of reports from the Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth, Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Districts. (See Minutes, p. 434.)

The CHAIRMAN reported that the matters referred to in said reports had been attended to.

Public School 32, Annex.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Seventeenth District, recommending that an extension be built to the Annex; also, that another connection be made between the main building of said school and the Annex on West Thirty-sixth street. (See Minutes, p. 434.)

Mr. Haskell, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *September* 26, 1898.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx:

GENTLEMEN: In reference to the Board of Inspectors of the Seventeenth District, that extension be built in the West Thirty-sixth street building, etc., I beg to report that the land adjoining the Annex is occupied by the Janitor as a residence, and at present there are no funds available for improving the same.

With reference to the recommendation that a connection be made between the main building and Annex at West Thirty-sixth street, I beg to advise you that this bridge should be erected when the Annex is constructed on Thirty-sixth street. The difficulty at present experienced by the teacher in the west rear classroom of the Thirty-fifth street building is owing to the constant passing to and fro of teachers, visitors and scholars to reach the bridge leading to the Thirty-sixth street building, and could be avoided by erecting a partition down the east side across the rear of the room, and which would cost about $100.

I would respectfully recommend that the erection of this partition be submitted to the Central Board for their action.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. HASKELL,

Deputy Sup't of School Buildings, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the request that an extension be built in the West Thirty-sixth street building be denied, and that the recommendation of Mr. Haskell, with reference to making a connection between the main building and the Annex at West Thirty-sixth street, be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 9.—Communication from Miss Teresa Bernholz, Principal, complaining against the use of a steam drill, which is being used in Eighty-third street.

Mr. Robinson, Inspector of Repairs, reported:

"The contractor for drilling and blasting on the lots north of the school is C. Pucci, of No. 427 East 113th street. He says it would interfere with his work to stop drilling during school sessions, but will time the blasting to cause no annoyance. About two weeks will finish his work."

Ordered, That said report be printed in the minutes and Miss Bernholz notified of its contents.

Borough Superintendent's analyses of reports of Inspectors of the Fourth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-ninth and Thirty-third Districts referred to this Committee by the School Board September 21, 1898.

Mr. Haskell, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reported that the recommendations contained in said reports had been attended to.

Communication from David Lazarus, President of the Young Americans' Social Club (graduates and school boys of P. S. 75),

requesting that rooms in some public school be assigned for the members of the club, to be used on Saturday nights at 8 o'clock P.M.

Ordered, That Mr. Lazarus be requested to submit a certificate from some responsible school official, who will agree to be present when the club is in session, before the Committee will take action.

Complaint of the Board of Health against the Truant Home.

Referred to Mr. Haskell, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, to have the violation rectified.

Public School 120.—With reference to application from the Janitor for an increase of salary on account of additional yard space to care for.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that according to the By-Laws the Janitor was entitled to an increase in his salary as follows :

Annual salary.	Increase.	To take effect
$1,001	$52	September 12, 1898

Approved.

Public School 96.—On recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Haskell, Mr. James H. Brown, Janitor, was granted a leave of absence for September 29.

Public School 54.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth District recommending that the walls and woodwork of the classrooms in the Primary Department should be painted.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education be notified that the walls and woodwork of the classrooms in the Primary Department should be painted.

Adopted.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS and LITTLE—3.

The Minutes of the meeting held September 26th, as printed, were approved.

Public School 155.—Communication from Mr. W. F. Lyon, Principal, asking permission to place a grammar class in a room on the fifth floor, formerly part of the workshop (see Minutes, pp. 372, 388, 416, 430 and 443).

The CHAIRMAN reported the room in question was at present occupied by a grammar class.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the item be stricken from the calendar.

Adopted.

Public School 37.—From Miss Margaret C. Cornell, Principal, asking permission to have a room on the top floor of the Annex fitted up for classroom purposes (see Minutes, pp. 373, 398, 416, 430 and 444).

Laid over, to await report from the Committee on Studies.

LEASES—Matter of renewing leases:

The Borough Superintendent having recommended the renewal of several leases, Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Board of Education be requested to renew the following-named leases:

To be renewed for two years.

		Expires.	Present rent.
Annex P. S. 39	No. 230 E. 125th st.,	Dec. 15, 1898,	$2,000
P. S. 119	135th st., bet. 7th and 8th aves., . .	Feb. 1, 1899,	5,000
Annex P. S. 86	96th st. and Park ave.,	Jan. 1, 1899,	960
Annex P. S. 34	Willett st. M. E. Church,	Feb. 25, 1899,	1,200

To be renewed by the month.

Annex P. S. 54	104th st. and Amsterdam ave, . . .	Jan. 1, 1899,	3,500

To be renewed to July 1, 1899.

Annex P. S. 115	(Church) 150th st. and Mott ave., . .	Dec. 10, 1898,	3,000

Adopted.

(NOTE.—If the lease of the Annex to P. S. 39 be renewed, the premises should be placed in better sanitary condition. If the lease of the Annex to P. S. 115 be renewed to July 1, 1899, the discontinuance of the Annex, after that date, is to be endorsed by the Borough Superintendent of Schools.)

The Borough Superintendent of Schools was requested to report his views as to the necessity for renewing the following-named leases:

Annex P. S. 61 No. 174 Washington ave.
Annex P. S. 85 142d st. and Alexander ave.
Annex P. S. 94 71st st. and Boulevard (no rent).

Communication from the Inspectors of the Twelfth and Fourteenth Districts, relative to designating one school building in each district, in which rooms may be set aside for the use of clubs or societies of school graduates for educational purposes. (Twelfth District, see Minutes, pp. 136, 165, 420, 431 and 445; Fourteenth District, see Minutes, pp. 83, 97, 114, 122, 164, 420, 431 and 445.)

Laid over, to await report of Inspectors.

Communication from the Patriotic League, to have a club of boys meet in a school building in the vicinity of Norfolk street. (See Minutes, pp. 136, 165, 420, 431 and 445.)

Laid over, to await report of the Inspectors.

Public School 82.—Communication from L. Boehm, with reference to use of a classroom in P. S. 82, to hold meetings of a literary society which has been organized in one of the classes of the said school.

A communication was received from Mr. B. Louis Snyder, a teacher in P. S. 82, agreeing to meet with the society, once each week, until January 1, 1899, and be responsible for their behavior, etc., until that date.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Mr. Boehm be notified to inform this Committee of the day and hour of the meeting of the society.

Adopted.

Communication from Miss Jenny B. Merrill, Supervisor of Kindergartens, notifying the Committee of the schools in which conferences will be held with kindergarteners; also the dates on which such conferences will be held, viz.:

Second Friday in October, in P. S. 9, 10 or 58;
First Friday in October, in P. S. 48 or 125;
Second Monday in October, in P. S. 30, 61, 90 or 154,

the hour to be 3:30 P. M., to 5 o'clock P. M. (See Minutes, p. 434.)

Ordered, That Miss Merrill be requested to notify the Secretary of the date on which she proposes to hold each conference, in order that the Janitors may be notified.

Public School 75.—Communication from David Lazarus, President of the Young American's Social Club—graduates and school boys of P. S. 75—requesting that rooms in some public school be assigned for the members of the club, to be used on Saturday nights at 8 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Lazarus has been requested to submit a certificate from

some responsible school official, who will agree to be present when the club is in session, before the Committee will take action.

Public School 163.—Offer of Mr. S. C. Baum to rent the premises at No. 521 East One hundred and twentieth street, for school purposes.

Referred to Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, for report.

Communication from Ephriam B. Levy offering to erect a building on the northeast corner of Morris Park avenue and Lincoln street (Van Nest) and lease the same to this Board, including the heating apparatus, when completed, at an annual rental of $1,350; and water rents, for a term of three years from date of completion of the building, with privilege of a renewal for six months or one year; size of building 50x50 feet on a plot 75x100 feet.

Mr. LITTLE moved that a report be submitted to the School Board, recommending that the Board of Education accept the offer of Mr. Levy.

Adopted.

Mr. EUSTIS moved to report to the School Board, recommending that the Board of Education rent the following-named premises temporarily for school purposes:

No. 1637 First avenue, N. W. corner 85th street—Store.

Nos. 58 and 60 W. 135th street—Two stores.

No. 180 Cherry street—Two story building.

No. 122 Avenue C—Room.

No. 1458 Amsterdam Avenue—Store.

Adopted.

The offers to rent the following-named premises for school purposes were rejected:

No. 129 Edgecombe avenue, on S. W. corner 141st street (see Minutes, p. 454)—Store.

No. 1477 Third avenue—Hall.

Nos. 204 and 206 East 74th street—Stores.
No. 232 East 104th street—One room.

The following-named bills for services as acting Janitors were referred to the Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for the Borough of Manhattan for report:

Charles Hugel (Watchman), new P. S. 20, from September 6th to 30th, inclusive.

John H. Fagan, P. S. 150, month of September and thirteenth of his annual salary for cleaning the building.

James D. Keenan, P. S. 128, May-September, including one thirteenth payment for cleaning the premises.

John Merrifield, Janitor P. S. 90, for services in P. S. 31, June 1st to 30th, both inclusive, and one thirteenth payment for cleaning the premises.

Public School 11.—Communication from William T. Campbell, Janitor, applying for leave of absence on October 4th, from 8.30 to 10 o'clock A. M.

Granted.

Public School 92.—Suggestion that the "Inspector's Room" be devoted to classroom purposes.

The Borough Superintendent having recommended this change, Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Board of Education be requested to make the change as recommended by the Borough Superintendent.

Adopted.

Public School 56.—Consideration of the matter of utilizing the small room on the west side of the main entrance.

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, recommended that the parlor floor of the brick dwelling adjoining the school, occupied by the Janitor, be fitted up for a Kindergarten.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

Communication from the Hebrew Technical Institute, offer-

ing the Assembly room on the first floor of No. 267 Henry street, without rent, the Board of Education to defray all expenses of alterations, fitting up and equiping the same, to be used for Kindergarten classes.

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported adverse to accepting the offer, there being ample accommodations in the neighborhood.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the matter be referred to the Chairman, to confer with Mr. Jasper, the Borough Superintendent.

Adopted.

Offer of premises No. 1525 Madison avenue, parlor floor, for school purposes, was referred to Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, for report.

Public Schools 37 and 151.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Twenty-sixth District to have Eighty-seventh street, from Lexington avenue to Park avenue, and Ninety-first street, from First avenue to Second avenue, asphalted.

Mr. LITTLE moved that matter be favorably recommended to the Commissioner of Highways.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—Mr. EUSTIS moved that the matter of renting a building on Eighty-sixth street, between First avenue and Avenue A, adjoining P. S. 77, be referred to the Chairman with power.

Adopted.

Communication from George W. Burrell, offering to rent the premises, Nos. 214, 216 and 218 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street, for school purpose; also from Thomas Morris, to rent a store on the southwest corner of Webster avenue and One hundred and seventy-first street.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools and Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

Offers to rent the following-named premises were referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools for report:

No. 1454 Amsterdam avenue—Store.

No. 29 Manhattan street—Store.

No. 1951 Amsterdam avenue—Store.

Store adjoining P. S. 46, on St. Nicholas avenue.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had authorized Dr. Damosch, Supervisor of Music, to occupy Public School 69 on October 4th, 5th and 6th after 3 o'clock P. M , for the purpose of holding examinations for teachers of music.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 103.—Mr. EUSTIS moved that the furniture in the so-called sewing room on the fifth floor of P. S. 103 be allowed to remain as at present located.

Adopted.

Public School 103.—Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Chairman be authorized to store the gymnasium paraphernalia of P. S. 100, the same being no longer used.

Adopted.

Public School 121.—The Borough Superintendent of Schools recommended that the matter of putting in the new stairs in P. S. 121 be expedited, and that the four new classrooms on the upper floor be fitted up.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the recommendation be favorably reported, for reference, to the Board of Education.

Adopted.

Public School 20.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools, recommending that ten (10) additional seats be placed in each classroom.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the request be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 154.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools, recommending that a large room on the top floor be furnished with seats immediately, and that the clay room be vacated.

Referred to the Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings of the Borough of Manhattan.

High Schools.—Communication from the Committee on High Schools, requesting that telephones be placed in the three High School Annexes.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the request be recommended to the Board of Education.

Adopted.

Communication from Mary Kelly, complaining against the conduct of the Janitor of the Springhurst School (Annex of P. S. 152).

The SECRETARY was directed to notify Mrs. Kelly that this Board has no jurisdiction over the Janitor in question, he being under the employ of the owner of the property.

Communication from Cora L. Magnus, Inspector of the twenty-fifth District, recommending that room for three additional classes be secured in St. Michael's Parish House.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools and Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 71.—A communication was received from the Borough Superintendent of Schools, recommending that the Inspector's room in P. S. 71 be occupied for class purposes.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

From Mr. George Bladon, declining his tranfer from the position of Janitor from old Public School 142 to old Public School 42.

On recommendation of the Superintendent of School Buildings it was decided to recommend to the School Board that Mr.

Bladon be retained in his present position in old P. S. 142, and that Mr. Louis Fricke be transferred to old P. S. 42.

Communication from the Borough Superintendent of Schools, making requisition for an oak bookcase for use of Associate Superintendent Davis.

Referred to Committee on Supplies of the Board of Education.

Public School 101.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that on account of additional yard space to care for, under the by-laws the Janitor was entitled to an increase of salary as follows:

Annual Salary.	Increase.	To take effect.
$1,378	$52	Sept. 15, 1898.

Approved.

The following communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings:

NEW YORK, *Oct.* 1, 1898.

Hon. RICHARD H. ADAMS,

Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

DEAR SIR: In compliance with your request, on September 29, 1898, I directed the following Janitors to take temporary charge, in addition to their own buildings, of school buildings where vacancies occurred through the transfer of the Janitor to another school; duties to begin October 1, 1898:

Thomas Walsh, Janitor P. S. 25, to P. S. 21.

David Dennehy, Janitor P. S. 20, to P. S. 106.

Richard G. Cashman, Janitor P. S. 114, to take charge of that school in addition to old P. S. 1.

John W. Smith, Janitor P. S. 103, to P. S. 24.

Timothy J. O'Brien, Janitor P. S. 23, to P. S. 130.

John Maher, Janitor P. S. 12, to P. S. 149.

Mr. George Bladon, Janitor P. S. 142, was chosen for transfer to P. S. 42 (old), but declined to accept, and, therefore, Mr. Louis Fricke, who was to succeed Mr. Bladon at P. S. 142, was sent to old P. S. 42 until other arrangements can be made.

These Janitors are located in the immediate vicinity of the

schools where the vacancies exist, and the extra work imposed upon them is only temporary until regular appointments can be made.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the action of Superintendent Snyder be approved.

Adopted.

Communication from H. P. Beardsley, Trustee, with reference to renting the old McDougal Street Church for school purposes.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools and Superintendent of School Buildings.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,

Secretary.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex of the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS and MCSWEENY—3.

Mr. LITTLE was excused for absence from this session.

The minutes of the meeting held October 3d, as printed, were approved.

Communication from the Inspectors of the Twelfth and Fourteenth Districts, relative to designating one school building in district, in which rooms may be set aside for the use of clubs or societies of school graduates for educational purposes. (Twelfth District, see Minutes, pp. 136, 165, 420, 431, 445 and 458); (Fourteenth District, see Minutes, pp. 83, 97, 114, 122, 164, 420, 431, 445 and 458.)

Laid over to await report of Inspectors.

Communication from the Patriotic League, to have a club of boys meet in a school building in the vicinity of Norfolk street (see Minutes, pp. 136, 165, 420, 431, 445 and 459).

Laid over to await report of the inspectors.

Public School 82.—Communication from Mr. L. Boehm, relative to use of a classroom in which to hold meetings of a literary society (Minutes, pp. 400, 421, 432 and 459).

Mr. Boehm to give dates and hour of meetings.

Public School 75.—Communication from David Lazarus, President of the Young Americans' Social Club—graduates and school boys of P. S. 75—requesting that rooms in some public school be assigned for members of the club, to be used on Saturday nights at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Lazarus has been requested to submit a certificate from some responsible school official, who will agree to be present when the club is in session.

Public School 163.—Communication from Mr. S. C. Baum, offering to rent the premises No. 512 East One hundred and twentieth street for school purposes (Minutes, p. 460).

Dr. McSweeny moved that the proposition be rejected.

Adopted.

Mr. C. M. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, recommending the payment of bills of Acting Janitors and Watchmen, as follows (Minutes, p. 461):

P. S. 20.—Chas. Hugel was placed on duty as watchman by direction of the Committee on September 6th and remained until the 30th, and is entitled to pay from 6th to 30th, both inclusive, at the rate of $50 per month = $41.67.

Public School 150.—Mr. John H. Fagan, Janitor of P. S. 109, is still acting as Janitor of P. S. 150, no appointment having been made, and is entitled to the salary of the position, which is $82 per pay—also extra 1/13th for cleaning—total, $164 (September).

Public School 31.—On resignation of former Janitor of P. S. 31 on June 1st, Mr. John J. Merrifield, Janitor of P. S. 92 was ordered to take charge, and performed the duties until October 1st and is therefore entitled to the salary of the position, which is $52 per pay, from June 1st to September 30th, or $420, which includes extra 1/13th for cleaning.

Public School 128.—The former Janitor of P. S. 128 resigned his position on May 19, 1898, and Mr. James D. Keenan, Janitor

of P. S. 39, was placed in charge, and is therefore entitled to the salary of the position, $62 per pay, from May 20th to September 30th, also extra 1/13th for cleaning, with the exception of the month of June, for which month he was paid on the payroll, or the following:

May, ...	$24.50	
July, ...	62.00	
August, ...	62.00	
September, . . .	62.00	
Cleaning, . . .	62.00	
		$272.50

Dr. McSweeny moved to recommend to the School Board that the bills be paid.

Adopted.

Communication from H. P. Beardsley, Trustee, with reference to renting the old McDougal Street Church for school purposes (Minutes, p. 466).

Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, and Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reported that the premises were not suitable for school purposes.

Mr. Eustis moved that the offer be rejected.

Adopted.

Communication from Mr. Burrell, offering to rent the premises Nos. 214, 216 and 218 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street for school purposes (Minntes, p. 462).

Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reported that the premises were not suitable for school purposes.

Mr. Eustis moved that the offer be rejected.

Adopted.

The following-named offers of premises for school purposes were referred to Mr. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx, (see Minutes, p. 463):

No. 29 Manhattan street (store).

No. 1951 Amsterdam avenue (store).

Property adjoining P. S. 46, on St. Nicholas avenue, between One hundred and forty-fourth and One hundred and forty-fifth street (store).

Public School 154.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, with reference to occupying a large vacant room on the top floor (see Minutes, p. 464).

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 71.—With reference to recommendation of the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, to fit up the Inspector's room for a class (Minutes, p. 464).

Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reported favorably on the recommendation (Minutes, p. 164).

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the recommendation be approved.

Adopted.

St. Michael's Parish House.—From Cora L. Magnus, Inspector of the Twenty-seventh District, recommending that provision be made for three additional classes (Minutes, p. 464).

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, make an early report, and that his attention be called to the immediate prospect of opening the new schools in the vicinity, which may relieve this congested district.

Adopted.

Reports of the Inspectors of the Eighth, Tenth and Twenty-second School Districts, which were referred to this Committee by the School Board, on October 5th.

Referred to the Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had authorized Dr. Damrosch, Supervisor of Music, to occupy the Assembly room of P. D. P. S. 69, on the afternoons of October 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th and 19th.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 8.—Complaint of the Principal of the Evening School against the Janitor.

Ordered, That the Janitor be notified to attend the next session of the Committee.

Public School 90.—The CHAIRMAN reported that he excused Mr. Baxter, Janitor, for absence on Thursday, October 6th.

Approved.

Public School 67.—Report of Janitor with reference to burning rubbish on the school premises, which caused one of his assistants to strike the fire alarm.

Mr. Gounoud to be invited to attend the next meeting.

New Public School 63 and Annex to High School.—Relative to bills of the Janitor.

Referred to Mr. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 37.—From Miss Cornell, Principal of the Grammar Department, to have a room in the Primary Department fitted up for her department.

Referred to Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent.

Hebrew Technical Institute.—From the Borough Superintendent, withdrawing his report adverse to occupying the Institute for a Kindergarten, and recommended that the same be accepted (see Minutes of Committee, pp. 461 and 462, and Journal School Board, pp. 1207 and 1208.)

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Mr. Jasper be authorized to withdraw the report presented by him to the Committee October 3d.

Adopted.

Public School 5.—Report from the Committee on Studies, with reference to rooms in the school, that one of the rooms in-

tended to be devoted to manual training, has already been given up, and the other should surely be retained.

Ordered, That report of the Committee on Studies be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 23.—Report from the Committee on Studies, with reference to forming an additional classroom in the Mixed Grammar Department, to the effect that this application might be granted, because there is a room for manual training at her disposal. As a matter of fact, the other is already in process of dismantling, and blackboards are now being placed in it (report dated July 15, 1898).

Referred to Dr. McSweeny.

Harlem Evening High School.—Complaint of Peter Volkman, Jr., against the Janitor or his assistants receiving pay for caring for the bicycles of the students.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the Janitor make report to this Committee as to whether there is any foundation for the complaint.

Adopted.

Public School 97.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that on account of the new extension and additional yard space to care for, under the by-laws the Janitor was entitled to an increase of salary as follows:

Annual Salary.	Increase.	To take effect.
$1,196	$1,014	Sept. 12, 1898.

Approved.

Public School 2.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that on account of new additions to care for, the Janitor, under the by-laws, is entitled to an increase of salary as follows:

Annual Salary.	Increase.	To take effect.
$2,145	$1,495	Sept. 19, 1898.

Approved.

Annex Public School 94.—The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported the church premises at the corner of Seventy-first street and the Boulevard, as being no longer required for school purposes.

Dr. McSweeny moved that inasmuch as the premises have not been occupied since April 30, that the lease be surrendered and the school furniture and fixtures be removed from the premises.

Adopted.

The following named offers of premises were rejected, the same not being required for school purposes:

Northwest corner Second avenue and One hundred and tenth street.

One hundred and first street and Second avenue.

No. 2356 First avenue.

Ninety-ninth street and Amsterdam avenue.

No. 512 East One hundred and twentieth street (S. C. Baum, owner).

Annex Public School 150.—Offer of premises located at No. 306 East Ninety-sixth street.

The Acting Borough Superintendent of School Buildings for the Borough of Manhattan, reported that the owner proposed to lease the premises at a rent of $5,000 per year and water rents, size 96 feet by 25 feet wide, three stories and basement, and will alter the same for school purposes.

Referred to the Chairman.

Public School 83 in East One hundred and tenth street. Consideration of the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, that the southeast corner of the playground be fitted up for class purposes.

Referred to Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, for report.

Public School 8.—From Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintend-

ent of Schools, recommending that a teachers' retiring room be fitted up in the "East Lower Room."

Refered to Acting Deputy-Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan.

Public School 128.—From Mr. Edward Rothschild, calling attention to the fact that the lease of premises on One hundred and twenty-fourth street near Third avenue, will expire in May, 1899, and offering to renew the same at an annual rent of $4,800 and water rents for a period of five years.

The Secretary reported the annual rent at present being paid, $3,750.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Build-Buildings, Mr. Morgan, for report.

Communication from Mr. Alex. P. Ketchum, recommending that the premises known as the Church of the Redeemer, located on Sixty-second street, between Second and Third avenues (addressed to the Superintendent of School Buildings) be purchased for school purposes.

Ordered, That Mr. Ketchum be notified that there is no fund at present available for the purchase of any school sites or buildings.

From Alfred T. Sahuffler, Associate Borough Superintendent of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, calling the attention of Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent of Schools, to the condition of the second, third and fourth floors of P. S. 76, where the closets, etc., were taken out last June.

Mr. Schauffler to be notified that the matter is being attended to, and will be put in complete condition as soon as possible.

P. S. 10.—From J. C. Lester, Janitor, complaint as to his men being compelled to carry the folding chairs used in the free lecture course, from the Grammar Department to the lower floor, etc., etc.

Dr. McSweeny moved that Mr. Lester be notified that the

rooms in which these chairs are located will be fitted with school furniture in a very short time, and in the meantime he is expected to carry the folding chairs as he is at present doing.

Adopted.

Public School 44.—Mr. Michael J. Moran, Janitor, was excused for absence from 10 A. M. to 2 o'clock P. M. (application dated October 6th), to attend the funeral of his brother in-law.

Public School 25.—From the Taxpayers (anonymous) of the Seventeenth Ward, protesting against the Janitor of Public School 25 occupying a whole house adjoining the school, which might be utilized for Kindergarten purposes.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Mr. Jasper, the Borough Superintendent of Schools, report as to whether a Kindergarten is needed in the neighborhood, or if any of the rooms are needed for school purposes.

Adopted.

Public School 151.—From Mrs. Agnes O'Brien, Principal, recommending that an iron railing be placed around the school lots.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that this Committee respectfully requests the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education to comply with the request.

Adopted.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings, transmitting a copy of letter from the Municipal Civil Service Commission, with reference to eliminating from the by-laws the clause which requires that a person eligible for appointment as a janitor, must have attained the age of thirty years.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved to recommend to the School Board that so much of Sub-Division 44 of the Section of the By-Law regulating Janitors' duties and qualifications be amended by

striking out the words "or has not attained the age of thirty years."

Adopted.

Public School 50.—From Miss Emanuel, Principal, stating that the premises No. 210 East Twenty-first street can be hired temporarily, for school purposes, which is required for Kindergarten and other school purposes.

Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent, reported that in his opinion the lower floor will accommodate 80 pupils and the upper floor 60 pupils.

Referred to Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent of Schools.

Public School 110.—From Dr. Borkins, Principal, to have a room on the fifth floor equipped for class purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Studies with a request for an early report.

Public School 77.—From Miss Julia Rechman, Principal, making inquiry as to whether it is not the Janitor's duty to wash the inkwells.

Referred to Mr. Morgan for report.

Public School 98.—From the Janitor inquiring as to whether it is his duty to wash the blackboards in the school building.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the Janitor be notified that it is his duty to keep the blackboards and school property in a cleanly condition.

Adopted.

From Mr. F. Cyrus Leubuscher stating that his client, Mrs. Linda O'Brien, owner of a portion of the premises at the corner of Woodruff avenue (One hundred and seventy-sixth street and Prospect avenue) which this Board has selected for a site for a public school, is willing to accept a reasonable price for a direct conveyance of the same to the corporation.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Sites of the Board of Education, and that Mr. Leubuscher be notified of this reference.

Adopted.

Annex Public School 96.—Offer of a store, No. 500 East Eighty-second street (25 feet by 25) for use as an annex.

Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported that the owner would rent for one year at $1,200 per annum, or for two years at $1,100 per annum.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the matter be referred to Mr. Jasper, and at the same time his attention be called to the fact that we have two frame buildings adjoining the school; also that by January 1st the new school at Seventy-seventh street will be finished, which will in all probability relieve the congested condition of affairs.

Adopted.

No. 157 East Eighty-sixth Street.—Offer of Mrs. Butler to rent the parlor and second floor for school purposes. Parlor floor rental, $50 per month.

Referred to Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, for report.

Public School 56.—Consideration of the matter of utilizing the small room on the west side of the main entrance—see report of Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, recommending fitting up of the parlor floor of Janitor's dwelling in building adjoining for a Kindergarten (see Minutes, p. 461).

Dr. McSweeny moved that Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, be requested to ascertain whether additional room is required in this school; also that his attention be called to two vacant rooms in P. S. 56, which are available for classrooms, etc.; also if a necessity exists for the establishment of Kindergartens, whether these rooms might be utilized for the purpose.

Adopted.

Offer of premises No. 1525 Madison avenue, parlor floor, for school purposes (see Minutes, p. 462).

Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, to report.

Arthur McMullin,
Secretary.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex of the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS and MCSWEENY—3.

Mr. EUSTIS moved to correct the Minutes of the meeting held October 10th, as follows:

Page 477, fifteenth line from the top of the page, strike out "$50" and insert "$60."

Page 473, eleventh line from the bottom of the page, strike out "$5,000" and insert "$4,000."

Adopted.

The Minutes of the meeting held October 10th as printed and amended were adopted.

St. Michael's Parish House.—Communication from Cora L. Magnus, Inspector of the Twenty-seventh District, recommending that provision be made for three additional classes (see Minutes, pp. 464 and 470).

Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent of Schools, recommended the renting of three additional rooms in the Parish House for use as an Annex to P. S. 93.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that a reported be presented to the School Board, requesting the Board of Education to rent two or more additional rooms in St. Michael's Parish House for use as an Annex to P. S. 93.

Adopted.

Public School 37.—Communication from Miss Cornell, Principal, to have a room in the Primary Department fitted up for a class of the Grammar Department (see Minutes, p. 471).

Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, reported that "Miss Cornell has received a room from the Principal of the Primary Department."

Placed on file.

Public School 25.—From the Taxpayers (anonymous) of the Seventeenth Ward, protesting against the Janitor occupying a whole house adjoining the school, which might be utilized for kindergarten purposes (see Minutes, p. 475).

On the report of Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, the consideration of the matter was laid over.

Public School 50.—From Miss Emanuel, Principal, recommending that the house No. 210 East Twenty-first street be hired (see Minutes, p. 476).

Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, reported in favor of hiring the premises.

Mr. EUSTIS moved to report to the School Board, requesting the Board of Education to rent the premises No. 210 East Twenty-first street for a term of two years with the privilege of a renewal for an additional year.

Adopted.

Annex Public School 96.—Offer to rent a store, No. 500 East Eighty-second street, for use as an annex. (See Minutes, p. 477.)

Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, reported that the pupils applying for admission in this neighborhood are taken care of in half day or in part time classes in neighboring schools.

The offer was rejected.

157 East 56th St.—Offer of Mrs. Butler, to rent the parlor and second floor for school purposes. (See Minutes, p. 477.)

Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, reported that the premises are not needed.

The offer was rejected.

Public School 56.—The consideration of the matter of utilizing the vacant rooms for Kindergarten or class purposes was laid over, to await report from Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent.

No. 1525 Madison Ave.—Offer to rent the parlor floor for school purposes. (See Minutes, p. 462.)

A report was received from Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, recommending that the floor be hired.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Building, Mr. Morgan.

Offers to rent the following-named premises for school purposes were rejected :

No. 29 Manhattan Avenue (store).

No. 1951 Amsterdam Avenue (store).

Public School 154.—Consideration of the recommendation of Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, to occupy a large vacant room on the top floor. (See Minutes, pp. 464 and 470.)

Laid over, to await the report of the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson.

Public School 83.—Recommendation of Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, that the southeast corner of the playground be fitted up for class purposes. (See Minutes, p. 473.)

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to comply with the recommendation of Mr. Jasper.

Adopted.

Public School 8.—Recommendation of Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, that a teacher's retiring room be fitted up.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to comply with the recommendation of Mr. Jasper.

Adopted.

Public School 128.—The consideration of the proposition of Edward Rothschild to renew the lease of the premises, One hundred and twenty-fourth street, near Third avenue, for five years, at a rental of $4,800 per annum, and water rent—Lease expires in May, 1899—(See Minutes, p. 474.)

Laid over to await report of Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 23.—Consideration of the report from the Committee on Studies, with reference to forming an additional class-room in the Mixed Grammar Department, to the effect that this application might be granted, because there is a room for Manual Training at the disposal of the Principal. (See Minutes, p. 472.)

Dr. McSweeny reported in favor of adopting the recommendation of the Committee on Studies.

Mr. Eustis moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to comply with the recommendation of the Committee on Studies.

Adopted.

Annex Public School 150.—Consideration of the offer to rent the premises, No. 306 East Ninety-sixth street. (See Minutes, p. 473.)

The Chairman reported in favor of renting the premises.

Mr. Eustis moved that a report be presented to the School Board, recommending that the Board of Education lease the premises in question for a term of two years with the privilege of renewal for an additional year.

Adopted.

Consideration of reports and recommendations of the Inspectors of the Eighth, Tenth and Thirty-second School Districts, with reference to making repairs, etc, to several school buildings. (See Minutes, p. 470.)

The Chairman reported the repairs, etc, recommended by the Inspectors were being attended to.

Public School 8.—Complaint of the Principal of the Evening School, that the janitor does not sweep the floors between the sessions of the day school and evening school.

Mr. William Kenney, janitor of the school, was present and heard.

Ordered, That said complaint be placed on file.

Public School 2.—Complaint of the Principal of the Primary Department, that the janitor did not keep the building in a satisfactory condition during the month of September.

Mr. John Mullen, the janitor, was present and heard.

Ordered, That said complaint be placed on file.

Public School 53.—Mr. Rado, janitor. Consideration of protest against employing a female assistant.

Mr. Rado was present and heard.

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Harlem Evening High School.—Communication from Peter Volkman, Jr., protesting against the janitor or his assistants making a charge for taking care of the bicycles of the students. (See Minutes, p. 472.)

The SECRETARY was instructed to notify Mr. Volkman that it is not the duty of the janitor to take care of bicycles, and if bicycles are brought to the school it is at the owners' risk.

Public School 10.—From Dr. Birkins, Principal, to have a room on the southeast corner of the fifth floor equipped for class purposes. (See Minutes, p. 476.)

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to have the room referred to fitted up for class purposes.

Adopted.

From the Inspectors of Twelfth and Fourteenth Districts, relative to designating one school building in each district, in which rooms may be set aside for the use of clubs or association

of school graduates. (See Minutes, pp. 83, 97, 114, 122, 136, 164, 165, 420, 431, 445, 458 and 467.)

Laid over, to await the Inspector's reports.

From the Patriotic League, to have a club of boys meet in a school building, in the vicinity of Norfolk street. (See Minutes, pp. 136, 165, 420, 431, 445, 459 and 467.)

Laid over, to await the Inspector's report.

Public School 82.—From Mr. L. Boehm, requesting the use of a classroom in which to hold meetings of a literary society. (See Minutes, pp. 400, 421, 432, 459 and 467.)

Mr. Boehm having failed to furnish the Committee with the dates and hour of meeting of the society, the Secretary was instructed to strike the item from the calendar.

Public School 75.—From David Lazarus, President, Young American's Social Club, for use of rooms in some school for the Club. (See Minutes, pp. 459 and 468.)

Laid over, to await the receipt of a certificate from some responsible school official, who will agree to be present while the Club is in session.

Public School 147.—Claim of George W. Christian, Janitor of P. S. 34, for services as acting janitor of P. S. 147, for 23 days in September.

The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, reported that on September 8, by direction of the Chairman, Mr. Christian was ordered to take charge of new P. S. 147, and prepare the same for the opening of the school. Mr. Christian remained at this building until October 1st, when a permanent janitor was appointed, and is entitled to the salary of the position, $196.27.

Mr. Eustis moved to recommend to the School Board that the bill be paid.

Adopted.

From the Secretary of the Department of Highways, reporting the inability to comply with the request of this Committee to pave with asphalt the following-named streets, viz.:

Twelfth street, between Broadway and University Place.

Eighty-seventh street, between Lexington and Park avenues.

Ninety-first street, between First and Second avenues.

Ordered, That said communications be placed on file.

The Chairman reported that he had promulgated to the Janitors the provisions of sub-division 39 of the section of the by-laws which requires that:

"Every Janitor of a building in which there are girls shall "have at least one woman assistant of mature age, who shall be "in attendance from the opening of the school building in the "morning until the pupils have left the building, and shall in "addition to her general duties as assistant, be especially charged "with overlooking the yards and playgrounds of Girls' Depart-"ment and classes";

also that he had called the Janitors before him, and heard their objections to carrying into effect the by-laws in question.

In nearly every case the Janitors objected to carrying out the law for the reason that it would entail upon them an additional expense.

The Janitors were instructed to comply with the law, the Janitors of the schools named below having been exempted from its operations: Old Public School 20, Public Schools 24, 110, 127, 138, 139 and 150.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Consideration of the offer to rent the store on the southwest corner of Webster avenue and One hundred and seventy-first street for school purposes.

Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, reported that "there is no necessity for acquiring these premises."

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the offer be rejected.

Adopted.

Annex Public School 37.—From Miss Cornell, Principal, requesting that a room on the fifth floor, formerly used as a gymnasium, be fitted up for class purposes (see Minutes, pp. 373, 398, 416, 430, 444 and 457).

A report was received from the Committee on Studies, approved, transmitting a recommendation from Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, that the room in question be fitted up as requested.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to fit up the room as recommended by Mr. Jasper.

Adopted.

Consideration of the offer of John Jordan, to rent the store and basement on the northwest corner of St. Nicholas avenue and One hundred and fifty-fifth street for school purposes.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that this Committee recommend to the School Board that the Board of Education be requested to rent the store and basement on the northwest corner of St. Nicholas avenue and One hundred and fifty-fifth street for a term of two years, with the privilege of a renewal for an additional year.

Adopted.

Public School 44.—From Michael Moran, Janitor, dated October 11, requesting a leave of absence for two days, in consequence of personal illness.

Granted.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Mr. William McMannis, Engineer Assistant to the Superintendent of School Buildings, be requested to place a temporary janitor in charge of P. S. 44 until the covery of the present janitor from his illness.

Adopted.

Public School 136.—To be excused for absence on Oct 17th, he having been notified to appear at Police Headquarters at nine o'clock A. M.

Granted.

Public School 81.—Bill of Wm. J. Oliver, for services as acting janitor during the month of September, also for the thirteenth of the annual salary for cleaning.

Mr. EUSTIS moved to recommend to the School Board that Mr. Oliver be paid the sum of $306 for the services rendered.

Adopted.

Public School 2.—Communication from the Committee on Studies, transmitting, with approval, a recommendation from Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, that a room be fitted up for manual training; also, that the gymnasium be fitted up with suitable apparatus.

MR. EUSTIS moved that a report be submitted to the School Board, recommending the Board of Education to comply with the recommendations of Mr. Jasper.

Adopted.

Public School 32.—From Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent of Schools, recommending that, as at the present time two classes are being taught in the main room of the primary department, a curtain be placed along the center line so the classes may be taught without interfering with each other; also recommending an annex, provided it does not interfere with the light and air on the Thirty-sixth street side of said school.

The matter of placing a curtain along the center line of the main room was approved, and the matter of providing an annex was referred to Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, requested that his report with reference to paying for services of acting janitors of P. S. 31 and P. S. 128 (see pp. 468 and 469 of the Minutes), be amended as follows:

P. S. 31.—Strike out "$52 per pay" and insert "$82 per pay;" also, strike out "$420" and insert "$410."

P. S. 128.—Strike out "$24.50," Mr. Keenan having been paid by bill; also strike out "$272.50" and insert "231," Mr. Keenan having been overpaid $17 on the June pay roll.

Mr. EUTIS moved that the request be granted.

Adopted.

Public School 32.—From Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, recommending that the room on the ground floor, east side, front wing on Thirty-fifth street, be utilized for a Kindergarten.

Referred to Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, for report.

From Mr. C. McRae, offering to rent, for school purposes, premises on the north side of One hundred and eightieth street east of Prospect avenue; also, to build a house on lots adjoining, and rent the same for school purposes.

On report of Deputy Superintendent Robinson, the propositions were rejected.

Public School 50.—From Miss Emanuel, Principal, requesting that the flagging in the outer yards be relaid, or concrete pavement be supplied.

Mr EUSTIS moved that it be recommended to the Superintendent of School Buildings to comply with the request of Miss Emanuel at his earliest convenience.

Adopted.

Public School 51.—From the President of the Board, transmitting a communication from Martin H. Ray, Principal, recommending the purchase of a lot on West Forty-fourth street immediately adjacent to P. S. 51 for the sum of $17,000.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Sites of the Board of Education.

Adopted.

Public School 50.—Mr. EUSTIS moved that the former janitor's room on the girls' side of the playground be converted into a classroom.

Referred to Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Annex Public School 39.—Mr. EUSTIS moved to recommend

to the School Board the rescinding of the action taken October 5th in recommending the Board of Education to renew the lease of the premises No. 230 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street, and in lieu thereof to rent the premises No. 218 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street for a term of two years, with the privilege of renewal for an additional year.

Adopted.

Public School 32.—From Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent of Schools, reporting adverse to hiring a room on No. 352 West Thirty-fifth street.

The report of Mr. Jasper was adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LITTLE and MCSWEENY—4.

The minutes of the meeting held October 17th, 1898, as printed, were approved.

Public School 25.—From Taxpayers (anonymous), of the Seventeenth Ward, protesting against the janitor occupying a whole house adjoining the school, (see Minutes, pp. 475 and 480).

Laid over, awaiting a report from the Borough Superintendent of Schools.

Public School 56.—Consideration of the matter of utilizing the vacant rooms for kindergarten or class purposes, (see Minutes, p. 481).

The Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, reported that "In view of the fact that there is no special need for the establishment of a kindergarten in this school at the present time, I recommend that no action be taken in the matter."

The recommendation of the Borough Superintendent was concurred in.

Offer to rent the parlor floor of the premises No. 1525 Madison avenue, (see Minutes, pp. 462 and 481).

Laid over, awaiting report of Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for the Borough of Manhattan, Mr. Morgan.

Public School 154.—Consideration of the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, to have a large vacant room on the top floor fitted up for two classrooms, (see Minutes, pp. 464, 470, 481).

The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for the Borough of The Bronx, reported that said room is well suited to form two classrooms; also, that there is probably enough furniture in the cellar of this school to furnish both these rooms.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the recommendation be approved, and the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to carry the recommendation into effect.

Adopted.

Public School 128.—Proposition of Mr. Edward Rothschild, to renew the lease of the premises, One hundred and twenty-fourth street, near Third avenue, for five years, at a rental of $4,800 per annum, and water rent. Lease expires in May, 1899, (see Minutes, pp. 474, 482). Present rent is $3,700.

Laid over for a report from Mr. Morgan, acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 53.—Mr. Rado, janitor, with reference to employing a female assistant.

Laid over.

From the Inspectors of the Twelfth and Fourteenth Districts, relative to designating one school building in each district in which rooms may be set aside for the use of clubs or associations of school graduates, (see Minutes, pp. 83, 97, 114, 122, 136, 164, 165, 420, 431, 458, 467 and 484).

Laid over, awaiting report from the Inspectors.

Patriotic League.—Requesting that a club of boys meet in a school building in the vicinity of Norfolk street, (see Minutes, pp. 136, 165, 420, 438, 445, 459, 467 and 484).

Laid over to await report of the Inspectors.

Public School 75.—From David Lazarus, President of the Young American's Social Club, graduates, etc., of P. S. 75, for the use of a room for a club, (see Minutes, pp. 459, 468 and 484).

Waiting for a certificate of some responsible school official, who will agree to be present while the club is in session.

Public School 50.—Mr. EUSTIS' motion to convert the former janitor's room on the girls' side of the playground into a classroom, (see Minutes, p. 488).

Ordered, That the consideration of said subject be postponed indefinitely.

Offer to rent No. 536 East One hundred and nineteenth street, for school purposes.

Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, reported it inadvisable to hire any building for school purposes in the vicinity.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the offer be rejected.

Adopted.

Public School 54.—To fit up a classroom on the fifth floor.

Mr. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for the Borough of The Bronx, to make a report.

Public School 7.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings, reported that in consequence of a new outdoor playground to care for, the janitor was entitled to the following-named salary:

Annual Salary.	Increase.	Take effect.
$2,769 00	$26 00	Sept. 12, 1898.

Approved.

From Miss Sarah F. Buckelew, Chairman of the House and Lecture Committee of the New York Teachers' Association, asking permission to use the main room of the Male Department of Public School 49, for lectures and music.

The SECRETARY was instructed to request Miss Buckelew to

forward a list of dates the premises will be required, the hour, and the character of the lectures it is proposed to deliver.

Communication from Miss Jenny B. Merrill, Supervisor of Kindergartens, for permission to hold an extra meeting in Public School 30, on October 28th.

Granted.

From the Inspectors of the Eleventh District, requesting that the premises No. 42 Greenwich avenue, adjoining Public School 41, be altered or rebuilt; also, that a new building be erected for Public School 3.

The matter of altering, etc., the premises No. 42 Greenwich avenue was referred to the Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for the Borough of Manhattan.

The proposition that a new building be erected for Public School 3, was rejected.

Public School 28.—Mr. David Robinson, janitor, was granted a leave of absence, with pay, for October 25th, commencing at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

Public School 135.—From Mrs. E. H. Alling, requesting that a piano be supplied her school for Kindergarten purposes.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the request be approved, and recommended to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Adopted.

Evening High School for Women.—From Miss Mary E. Tate, Principal, requesting that certain repairs, alterations, etc., be made.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the request be approved, and recommended to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Adopted.

An offer was made to rent for school purposes, the premises Nos. 789 and 791 Third avenue.

Referred to Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, and Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 60.—The Chairman reported that Mr. Alexander McLean, janitor, had violated Rule 3, Duties of Janitors, he having reported in this office at eleven o'clock A. M. on this date.

Mr. McLean was present and heard.

The complaint was placed on file.

A committee from the Public School Janitors' Association appeared before the Committee and made a verbal protest against the enforcement of the rule which requires them to replace broken glass in windows.

The matter was referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings, with a request that he confer with the Chairman of this Committee.

Public School 44.—From Samuel Morehouse, Principal, reporting the death of Michael Moran, janitor, on October 21.

Placed on file.

Public School 44.—A report was received from Mr. McMannis, Engineer-Assistant, to the Superintendent of School Buildings, as follows:

NEW YORK, *October* 19, 1898.

RICHARD H. ADAMS, Esq.,

Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to report that I have secured the services of a competent man as temporary janitor to take charge of Public School 44, corner North Moore and Varick streets, until the regular janitor of this school recovers his health and returns to duty.

I have given him all the necessary instructions as to the care of the heating, and the cleanliness of the building which would be exacted, etc.

Being unable to obtain a man from the civil service to fill this temporary position, the man appointed will have to be paid out of the janitor's salary. The janitor should be notified of this fact.

On inspection I find the heating apparatus to be in good con-

dition and operating satisfactorily. I will give my personal attention to this school building during the temporary absence of the regular janitor.

Very respectfully,

WM. MCMANNIS,

Engineer-Assistant to Superintendent of School Buildings.

The CHAIRMAN stated that this action was at his request.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Chairman and Mr. McMannis be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—From the Alumni Association of Public School 77, for permission to hold a meeting in the latter part of October, or early in November, in the main room of the school.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the Association be notified that the request will be granted, provided a certificate of some responsible school official is filed, to the effect that he will be present while the Association is in session.

Adopted.

218 East 125th Street.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings, reporting that he had examined the building and found the same suitable for school purposes.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Public School 148 (Eastchester).—Communication from the Janitor, Mr. Tilamon Holley, Jr., requesting that he be exempted from the operation of the by-law requiring that janitors must employ a female assistant to be in attendance in the girls' playgrounds and closets.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that inasmuch as this was a small school of between 65 and 70 little children, that Mr. Holley be exempted from the operations of the by-law in question.

Adopted.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the parlor floor of premises No. 446 East Seventy-second street be rented for a Kindergarten.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools, and Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of Manhattan.

Public School 85.—Mr. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Borough of The Bronx, reported that the bells in this School had been repaired by the Electric Installation Co., under their guarantee of March, 1897.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from Mr. John Jasper, Borough Superintendent, requesting that the room in the Elm street building, occupied by the Supervisors of Special Branches, be divided into two rooms.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 585–587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LITTLE, and MCSWEENEY—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held October 24th as printed were approved.

Public School 25.—From the Taxpayers (anonymous) of the Seventeenth Ward, protesting against the Janitor occupying a whole house adjoining the school, which might be utilized for classroom purposes (Minutes, pp. 475, 480 and 491).

Laid over to await report from the Borough Superintendent of Schools.

No. 1525 Madison Avenue.—Offer to rent the parlor floor, for Kindergarten purposes (Minutes, pp. 462, 477 and 491).

The Borough Superintendent of Schools for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx reported that: "P. S. 72, P. D., in this vicinity is full, with the exception of a few places in 1B and 2A. But as there is a considerable number of pupils who have been placed in the 1A grade, who would be better taken care of in a Kindergarten class, and their removal to such a class would make room for a few of older years in the 1A grade, I recommend the hiring of these premises for a Kindergarten Class."

The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for the Borough of Manhattan reported the building as being suitable for a Kindergarten.

Dr. MCSWEENEY moved to report to the School Board, request-

ing the Board of Education to rent the premises in question for one year, with the privilege of a renewal for one year.

Adopted.

Public School 128.—Consideration of the proposition of Mr. Edward Rothschild, to renew the lease of the premises, One hundred and twenty fourth street near Third avenue, for five years, at a rental of $4,800 per annum, and water rent. Lease expires in May, 1899 (Minutes, pp. 474, 482 and 492). Present rent $3,700 per annum.

Laid over to await the report of Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 53.—From Mr. Rado, Janitor, with reference to employing a female assistant (Minutes, pp. 483 and 492).

Laid over.

From the Inspectors of the Twelfth and Fourteenth Districts, relative to designating one school in each district, in which rooms may be set aside for the use of clubs or associations of school graduates (Minutes, pp. 83, 97, 114, 122, 164, 165, 420, 431, 458, 467, 484 and 492).

No report having been received from the Inspectors of the respective districts, Mr. LITTLE moved that the communications be stricken from the calendar.

Adopted.

Patriotic League.—Request that a club of boys be permitted to meet in a school building in the vicinity of Norfolk street (Minutes, pp. 136, 165, 420, 431, 445, 449, 467, 484 and 492).

No report having been received from the Inspectors of the district, Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the request be stricken from the calendar.

Adopted.

Public School 75.—From David Lazarus, President of the *Young* Americans' Social Club, graduates, etc., of P. S. 75, for

the use of a room for a club (Minutes, pp. 459, 468 and 484).

Mr. Lazarus not having filed a certificate from a responsible school official to the effect that such official would be present while the club is in session, Dr. McSweeny moved that the request be stricken from the calendar.

Adopted.

Public School 49.—Consideration of a communication from Miss Sarah F. Buckelew, Chairman of the House and Lecture Committee of the N. Y. Teachers Association, asking for permission to use the main room of the Male Department of Public School 49, for lectures and music (Minutes, p. 493).

A communication was received from Miss Buckelew, in which she states that it is the intention of the association to arrange for a course of ten lectures in music, commencing, November 7th, and on successive Monday afternoons at 4 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Little moved that the request be granted, and that Miss Buckelew be notified that there is no fund at the disposal of this Board to pay for the services of the Janitor.

Adopted.

Public School 41.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Eleventh School District recommending that No. 42 Greenwich avenue, adjoining P. S. 41, be altered or rebuilt.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, for a report as to the necessity of establishing kindergartens for said school.

Nos. 789 and 791 Third Ave.—Communication from Henry Nordlinger & Co., offering to rent the premises for school purposes (Minutes, p. 494).

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported "There is no need for additional accommodation in this vicinity; moreover, the building is old and rickety and not adapted to school purposes. I recommend that the premises be not hired."

Mr. Little moved that the offer be rejected.

Adopted.

No. 446 East Seventy-second Street.—Consideration of a communication from the Associate Alumnæ of the Normal College, offering to rent the parlor floor of the premises No. 446 East Seventy-second street, for kindergarten purposes, at a yearly rental of $360, including heat, cleaning, use of piano and out-of-door playground.

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported: "That as P. S. 82, in this vicinity, has a refused list of 32 pupils, and has been compelled to form eight half-day classes, there is urgent need for renting additional school accommodations in this locality."

The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, reported that the floor in question was suitable for a kindergarten.

Dr. McSweeny moved to report to the School Board, requesting the Board of Education to rent the premises in question.

Adopted.

New Public School 63.—The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, recommended the payment to Konrad Müller for services in cleaning, etc., new P. S. 63, prior to its occupancy on September 12th, and for services as acting Janitor of old P. S. 63 from September 12th to 30th, both inclusive, as follows:

Cleaning new P. S. 63, . . .	$ 64 50
Acting Janitor of new P. S. 63, . .	134 27
	$198 77

Dr. McSweeny moved to recommend to the School Board the payment of the bills in question.

Adopted.

Public School 162.—Communication from Miss Honora R. Sweeny, Principal, reporting the Janitor, Mr. Chas. F. Norton, for absence from duty for one half a day on October 17th.

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings reported that *the Janitor* was away on account of personal illness.

Mr. LITTLE moved that said absence be excused, and that Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan call the attention of Mr. Norton to the rule, requiring janitors to report their absence.

Adopted.

Public School 75. — Communication from the Associate Alumni of P. S. 75, approved by Mr. O'Shea, Principal, President Hubbell and Borough Superintendent Jasper, asking for the use of the Assembly room of P. S. 75 during the month of December next, for the annual reunion of the members of the Alumni.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the Association notify this Committee of the day and hour at which they propose to hold the reunion.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent of School Buildings, submitting the following list of names to fill the position of Janitor in several public schools in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, under the provisions of Section 1075 of the Charter:

P. S. 21.—Gantro Alexander.
P. S. 24.—William H. Flynn.
P. S. 44.—John S. Gross.
P. S. 106.—Matthew J. Perkinson.
P. S. 114.—Michael J. Molloy.
P. S. 128.—John W. Davis.
P. S. 130.—Arthur W. Price.
P. S. 149.—Elbert A. L'Hommedieu.
P. S. 150 (Annex).—Charles W. Brundage.

Mr. LITTLE moved to report to the School Board in favor of appointing the above-named Janitors.

Adopted.

Public School 65.—(West Farms). A communication was received from the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, to the effect "that steps are to be taken to relieve the congestion in the vicinity of P. S. 65, represented by 300 children in half-day classes, by the erection, by a Mr. Levy, of a building at Van Nest,

to accommodate the children in that locality. In view of the fact that this building will not be ready for occupancy for some months, I recommend the hiring of a hall or church by the month, in the vicinity of P. S. 65, where the demand is greatest, for the immediate relief of said school."

Referred to Mr Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

Nos. 624, 626 and 628 West Thirty-first Street.—A communication was received from the President, transmitting an offer of Mr. T. O. Hague to sell the property for $30,000.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the offer be rejected, this Board having no funds with which to purchase school property.

Adopted.

Public School 6.—Mrs. Annie L. Jessup, Supervisor of Sewing, made a request for the use of the assembly room in P. S. 6, on the last Friday in each month for the purpose of conference with the special teachers of sewing.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the request be granted, and the Janitor of the school be notified.

Adopted.

Public School 5.—Communication from Edwin T. Rice, School Inspector, with reference to the closets in the Girls' Grammar Department.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson.

Public School 154.—Communication from the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx, reporting that it will cost $250 to fit up the southeast corner of the playroom for a kindergarten.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that a report be presented to the School Board, requesting the Board of Education to have the corner fitted up for a kindergarten.

Adopted.

Public School 82.—The Borough Superintendent recommended the renting of premises No. 353 and 355 East Sixty-eighth street, for the relief of P. S. 82.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, for report.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, ascertain as to whether more suitable accommodation cannot be rented for the annex of P. S. 4, in lieu of the premises at present occupied in the Willett Street Church.

Adopted.

Public School 1.—The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, recommended that Timothy J. O'Brien, Janitor of P. S. 23, be paid for services rendered in new P. S. 1, as follows:

Cleaning, etc, to prepare school for opening on September 12, 1898,	$126 50
Services as Acting Janitor, September 12 to 30, both inclusive,	146 93
	$273 43

Dr. MCSWEENY moved to recommend to the Board that the bill be paid.

Adopted.

Public School 3.—The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, stated that the Principal of P. S. 3 had made a complaint against the Janitor, Mr. McTaggart, for neglect of duty.

Ordered, That the Principal and Janitor in question be notified to attend the next meeting of this Committee.

A communication was received from Mr. Emil Mayer, offering to rent the following named premises:

Corner One hundred and thirty-fourth street and Amsterdam avenue (store floor);
No. 228 Cherry street.

The offer to rent the store floor, corner of One hundred and thirty-fourth street and Amsterdam avenue, was rejected.

The offer to rent No. 228 Cherry street was referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, for report.

Public School 63.—From the Janitor, inquiring as to whether it is his duty to clean the ink wells in said school.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the Janitor be notified that it is his duty to keep the school property in a cleanly condition.

Adopted.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 585–587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. LITTLE, and MCSWEENY—3.

The Minutes of the meeting held October 31st, were amended on page 501, by adding after the word "granted" in the action taken on the application of Miss S. F. Buckelew to use the M. D. 49, the words, "provided no admission fee is charged."

The minutes of the meeting held October 31st, as printed and amended, were then approved.

Public School 109.—A communication was received from Mr. Snyder, Superintendent of School Buildings, recommending that the janitor of Public School 109, be allowed to live a short distance outside of the prescribed limit of 1,500 feet, and that his rent allowance be increased from $221.00 to $299.00 per annum.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the recommendation be approved.

Adopted.

Outdoor Recreation League.—A communication was received from Mr. J. K. Paulding, requesting a hearing on a plan the Executive Committee of the League have to propose for a more extended use of the school-houses and playgrounds in the vacation hours.

Mr. Paulding and a Committee were present, and were requested to submit their plans in writing.

Public School 3.—Complaint against the Janitor of Public School 3, for a neglect of duty and violation of the rules and by-laws defining the duties of Janitors.

Mr. Southerland, Principal of the School, Patrol Inspector Dewitt, and Mr. McTaggart, the Janitor were present and heard.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to recommend a change of the Janitor of this school.

Adopted.

Public School 54.—Complaint of Mr Paul Champagne, against James McMahon, Janitor, of improper language being used to his daughter.

Mr. Champagne, his daughter and Mr. McMahon were present, and the testimony was taken under oath; and the further investigation adjourned to November 14th, 1898, at 4:30 o'clock P. M., and the Secretary directed to summon the Rev. Michael F. Reinhardt, Pastor of the Church of the Ascension, David E. Gaddis, the Principal of the School, and a Mr. Rowland, whose address Mr. McMahon is to supply.

Public School 48.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Snyder, with reference to fitting up a Kindergarten in the first story, east front wing.

Referred to the Committee on Studies.

Public School 85.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, stating that the Principal of the Primary Department had made application to have a room on the first floor, known as the "Inspectors Room," furnished for a class of Grade 1A, and recommending that the request be granted, provided the Superintendent of School Buildings reported favorably in the matter.

Referred to the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for the Borough of The Bronx.

Public School 49.—From Miss S. F. Buckelew, acknowledging the receipt of the permission granted to use the Male

Department of P. S. 49 for singing lessons, provided "no fee of admission is given or required for said lessons," and requested that the clause quoted be repealed. (Minutes, pp. 501 and).

Mr. LITTLE moved that Miss Buckelew be notified that when the permission was granted, it was with the understanding that the lessons referred to were to be for the benefit of the School System, and that any charge for admission cannot be permissible.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—From Edward A. Page, recommending that the stores in a new building on the northwest corner of Eighty-second street and First avenue be rented, to provide additional accommodation for P. S. 77.

Referred to Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings, recommending that the New York Society of Pedagogy, be granted permission to use one or two rooms in the Mixed High School, P. S. 10 and 75, in which lectures to teachers will be given once or twice a week, and stating that it is desired to use the buildings on days and hours as follows:

Mixed High School.— Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:45 to 5 o'clock P. M.

Public School 10.— Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:45 to 5 o'clock P. M.

Public School 75.— Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:45 to 5 o'clock P. M.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the request of the Society be granted, and the janitors of the respective schools be notified of this action.

Adopted.

Public School 11.—Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, reported the janitor for neglect of duty.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the janitor be notified to appear before this Committee at its next meeting.

Adopted.

Annex, Public School 34, Willett St. Church.—The Acting Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, was instructed to ascertain if premises more suitable for an Annex to P. S. 34 cannot be secured in the vicinity.

Public School 93.—The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings reported that the Principal of P. S. 93 had requested that a telephone be connected between the school building and annex at No. 225 West Ninety-ninth street, and requested that the request be referred to the Committee on Supplies of the Board of Education.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the request be approved, and referred as recommended.

Adopted.

The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, reported that under the by-laws the Janitors of the new School buildings named, were entitled to the following-named annual salaries:

Public School 1—	$3,783.00
Public School 20—	4,121.00
Public School 147—	4,134.00
Public School 63 (new)— . . .	3,601.00
Annex to Mixed High School (Old P. S. 63),	1,690.00

Dr. McSweeny moved that the salaries as fixed above, be approved.

Adopted.

The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings recommended that the following-named persons be paid for services as Acting Janitors, the amounts set opposite their respective names:

John W. Smith, Janitor P. S. 103—Acting for P. S. 24—
Month of October, and 4 days in November, . . $52.13
David Dennehy, Janitor P. S. 20—Acting for P. S.
106—October 1 to November 4, ... 82.73
Wm. J. Oliver, Acting Janitor P. S. 81—Month of Oct, 153.00
John H. Fagan, Acting Janitor P. S. 150—October 1
to November 4, both inclusive, ... 92.93
James D. Keenan, Acting Janitor P. S. 128—October 1
to November 4, both inclusive, ... 70.20
John Maher, Janitor P. S. 12—Acting for P. S. 149—
October 1 to November 4, both inclusive, . . . 46.46

Mr. LITTLE moved that a report be presented to the Board recommending the payment of the bills in question.

Adopted.

Public School 63 (Old).—The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings reported that under the by-laws, the annual salary of the Janitor is $1,690.

Approved.

Public School 78.—The Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Snyder, reported that under the by-laws, the Janitor was entitled to an increase in his salary of $91.00 per annum, on account of his rooms having been altered and used for school purposes.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the salary of the Janitor of Public School 78 be increased $91.00 per annum, in view of the report made by the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Adopted.

Public School 25.—From taxpayers (anonymous), with reference to the Janitor occupying a whole house adjoining the school. (Minutes, pp. 475, 480, 491 and 499).

Awaiting report from the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper.

Public School 128.—Proposition of Edward Rothschild, to renew the lease of premises on One hundred and twenty-fourth

street near Third avenue, for five years at an annual rental of $4,800, and water rent. Lease expires in ay 1899. (Minutes, pp. 474, 482, 492 and 500.)

Awaiting report from Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan.

Public School 53.—The consideration of the matter of the janitor of this school being required to employ a female assistant to take care of the girls' yards and closets, was again laid over. (Minutes, pp. 483, 492 and 500.)

Public School 41.—From the Inspectors of the Eleventh School District, recommending that the premises No. 42 Greenwich avenue, adjoining P. S. 41, be altered or rebuilt. (Minutes, pp. 494 and 501.)

Dr. McSweeny made a report in favor of utilizing the premises for Kindergartens.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan for his report.

Note.—The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, is also to report.

Public School 65.—(West Farms.) From Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent of Schools, suggesting the renting of a hall or church, by the month, to relieve the crowded condition of the school. (Minutes, pp. 503, 504.)

Waiting for report of Mr. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for the Borough of The Bronx.

Public School 5.—From Edwin T. Rice, School Inspector, with reference to the closets in the girls Grammar Department. (Minutes, p. 504.)

Waiting for report of Mr. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent for The Bronx.

Public School 82.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, recommending the renting of basement of

the church premises, Nos. 353–355 East Sixty-eighth street, for the relief of P. S. 8. (Minutes, p. 505.)

Mr. LITTLE moved that the Committee on Studies be requested to report as to the necessity for renting the premises in question.

Adopted.

No. 288 Cherry St.—From Mr. Emil Mayer, offering to rent the premises for school purposes. (Minutes, pp. 505, 506.)

Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reported that the premises were unsuitable, in every way, for school purposes.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the offer be rejected.

Adopted.

Public School 57.—The Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, reported in favor of fitting up two additional annex rooms on the second floor of the janitor's residence, No. 171 East One hundred and fourteenth street, for classes of the first or second year grade, also in favor of altering the top floor for classroom purposes.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had made a personal inspection of the house in question, and it is his opinion that it is not suitable for class purposes.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the proposition be rejected.

Adopted.

From A. Emerson Palmer, Secretary of the Board of Education, transmitting a communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Hebrew Technical School, No. 267 Henry street, in which she states that the premises are at our disposal at any time we may desire them.

Placed on file.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met this day at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LITTLE and Dr. MCSWEENY—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held November 7, as printed, were approved.

Public School 11.—Consideration of the complaint of Patrol Inspector DeWitt against the Janitor for absenting himself from the building, and not keeping his building in a cleanly condition (Minutes, pp. 509, 510).

Mr. Wm. F. Campbell, the Janitor, was present, and after hearing the complaints, was reprimanded by the Chairman, by order of the Committee.

Public School 54.—The Committee continued the investigation of the complaint of Mr. Paul Champagne against Mr. James McMahon, Janitor (Minutes, p. 508).

The following-named witnesses were called, and under oath administered by the Chairman, testified as to their opinion of the character and morality of Mr. McMahon:

Rev. Nicholas M. Rhinehardt, David E. Gaddis, Harry E. Rowland, Alfred L. Nash; also, a letter was received from Dr. John D. McBarron which was read.

The case was then closed.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Mr. McMahon be called before the Committee, and the Chairman state to him that the accusation is a very serious one, but there being only the word of Miss Champagne against his own, we are going to suspend judgment, but hereafter if the least complaint is made against him for any dereliction of duty of any sort, we shall take this in consideration in dealing with him and he need not expect any leniency.

Motion seconded by Dr. McSWEENY and adopted.

Mr. McMahon was then called before the Committee and informed by the Chairman of the action just taken.

Girls' High School.—Communication from Mr. Snyder, Superintendent of School Buildings, calling the attention of the Committee to the fact that the Principal of the Girls' High School on 11th inst. gave notice that the Janitor was ill, and unable to attend to his duties. Mr. McMannis, Engineer Assistant, states that the Janitor's assistant in charge is quite competent to run the heating apparatus during the temporary absence of Mr. Poole, Janitor, and that the Janitor of the Boys' High School had promised to call two or three times a day to see that everything is in proper condition.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Pubilc School 10.—From John C. Lester, Janitor, asking for information as to whether he shall permit the boys to go into the cellar to mix clay for modeling, he not having the time to be there and watch them.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the Principal of the school be notified that the boys should be prohibited from going into the engine or boiler rooms to mix clay unless accompanied by their teacher.

Adopted.

***St. Michael's* Church.**—From the Rev. John J. Peters, com

plaining of the few number of teachers assigned to instruct the Public School pupils located in the Parish House.

Referred to the Committee on Teachers.

Public School 112.—The Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Snyder, reported that on account of the furnace and additional stoves to care for in this school, the Janitor, under the by-laws, was entitled to the following annual salary, taking effect on October 1, 1898:

Annual Salary.	Increase.	Take effect.
$936	$39	Oct. 1, 1898.

Approved.

Annex Public School 39.—From A. Emerson Palmer, Secretary of the Board of Education, transmitting a communication from the Commissioner of Buildings, reporting that the premises No. 218 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street "does not conform to the requirements of the building law relative to the use desired."

The Clerk reported that on October 19, 1898 (Journal, p. 1261), on recommendation of this Committee, the School Board recommended to the Board of Education to hire the premises No. 218 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street in lieu of the premises No. 230 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street, at present occupied as the annex.

Dr. McSweeny moved to recommend to the School Board that the resolution recommending the renting of the premises No. 218 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street, be rescinded, and that in lieu thereof the Board of Education be requested to renew the lease of the premises No. 230 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street for a term of two years.

Adopted.

Public School 41.—From the School Inspectors of the

Eleventh District, recommending that the premises No. 42 Greenwich avenue, adjoining P. S. 41, be altered or rebuilt (Minutes, pp. 494, 501 and 512).

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported that the Grammar Department of P. S. 41 will be overcrowded in February next, and that at present there is no kindergarten class in this school, and no fit place to put one; also, the building, No. 42 Greenwich avenue is unfit to use for classrooms, and recommending that a new building be erected.

Mr. EUSTIS moved to recommend to the Board of Education the following:

1. That the old building be torn down and a new addition be erected in place thereof.
2. In the mean time the rear room of the parlor floor be utilized temporarily for a classroom.
3. That the gymnasium on the ground floor be altered and fitted up for two classrooms.

Adopted.

Public School 25.—With reference to the janitor occupying a whole house adjoining the school (Minutes, pp. 475, 480, 491 499, and 511).

Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, reported that there is no room in the house, which, in his opinion, would be good enough for kindergarten purposes; but that an excellent room for kindergarten could be provided by partitioning off the space at the northeast comer of the playground. He also reported that three additional rooms will be required for the accommodation of boys and girls of grammar grade after February 1, 1899, and recommended that arrangements be made for the fitting up of three rooms on the fifth story of the annex.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved to report to the School Board, recommending that the Board of Education fit up for classroom purposes three rooms on the fifth floor of the Annex of P. S. 25.

Adopted.

Water Supply.—A communication was received for Mr. Snyder, Superintendent of School Building, submitting a copy of a circular, issued in the name of the Chairman of the Committee, to the janitors of the Schools, in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, relative to the great waste of water in the Public Schools and complained of, to the President, by the Commissioner of Water Supply, and asking the approval of the Committee.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the circular be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 125.—From the School Inspectors of the Ninth District asking, on behalf of the Principal and teachers of the school, for the use of the Library room in said school for one afternoon a week wherein to hold class in Italian into which they have formed themselves.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the request be granted, and that Miss Griffin, Principal, be requested to notify the Secretary as to the days and hours on which they propose to hold their sessions, and that when received the janitor be notified accordingly.

Adopted.

From Mr. Snyder, Superintendent of School Buildings, transmitting communications from Mr. William H Maxwell, City Superintendent, relative to the "reduction of heat in the school buildings on Saturdays as being calculated to injure plants and animals, useful for purposes of both ornamentation and of teaching in various classrooms"

Mr. LITTLE moved that the communications be placed on file.

Adopted.

A communication was received from Mr. Snyder, Superintendent of School Buildings, stating that Janitors will be re-

quired for the following new buildings: Public Schools 153, 158 and 160, all of which will be ready to open in a very short time.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Mr. Snyder proceed in the usual manner and submit a list of applicants to this Committee.

Adopted.

Public School 95.—From Edward F. Corey, offer to renew the lease of premises in East One hundred and twenty-fifth street for a term of five years from May 1, 1899, at an annual rental of $7,000, being an increase from $5,000 per annum.

Referred to the Chairman.

Public School 48.—From Mr. Snyder, Superintendent of School Buildings, with reference to fitting up a Kindergarten in the first story, east front wing. (Minutes, p. 508.)

Committee on Studies to report.

Public School 85.—From Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, recommending that the "Inspector's Room," on the first floor, be furnished for a class, grade 1A. (Minutes, p. 508.)

Mr. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for the Borough of The Bronx, reported that the room is inadequately lighted by two windows at one end: is 12 feet wide and 20 feet long, with a low ceiling not over 9½ feet.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the recommendation of Mr. Jasper be rejected.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—From Mr. Page, Principal, recommend*ing that* the stores in the new building on the northwest corner

of Eighty-second street and First avenue be rented. (Minutes, p. 509.)

The CHAIRMAN reported these stores have been leased by other parties.

Placed on file.

Annex Public School 34.—Matter of renting Willett Street Church. (Minutes, p. 510.)

Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reported that other premises cannot be secured in the neighborhood.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that Mr. Morgan report at the next meeting of this Committee as to where there are any vacant rooms in P. S. 12 which can be utilized for the Annex of P. S. 34, at present located in the Willett Street Church.

Adopted.

Public School 128.—Proposal of Mr. Edward Rothschild, to renew the lease of the premises on One hundred and twenty-fourth street, near Third avenue, for five years from May 1, 1899, at a rental of $4,800 per annum and water rent, (Minutes, pp. 474, 482, 492, 500, 511 and 512); present rent $3,700.

The CHAIRMAN made a verbal report.

Laid over.

Public School 65 (West Farms).—From Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, suggesting the renting of a hall or church, by the month. (Minutes, pp. 503, 504 and 512.)

Mr. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reports that he finds it impossible to obtain any premises at all suitable for school purposes; also, that the new building being

erected by Mr. Levy is rapidly advancing and will be completed probably before the first of December.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the suggestion of Mr. Jasper be rejected.

Adopted.

Public School 5.—From School Inspector Rice, with reference to defective closets in the Girls' Grammar Department, (Minutes, pp. 504 and 512).

Mr. Robinson, Borough Superintendent, reported that the closets of which Mr. Rice speaks, have already been ordered.

Ordered, That the communication be placed on file.

Public School 82.—From Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, recommending the renting of basement of the church premises, Nos. 353-355 East Sixty eight street, for the relief of P. S. 82 (Minutes, pp. 505 and 513).

Mr. Morgan, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reported favorably on renting premises in question.

Awaiting report from Committee on Studies.

Public School 2.—From the Committee on Studies recommending that a room be fitted up for classes of cooking in the Girls' Grammar Department.

Referred to Mr. Morgan, Deputy Superintendent for report

The Superintendent of School Buildings recommended the following transfer of Janitors:

Edward McTaggart, from Public School 3, to Public School 126; Joseph Swift, from Public School 126 to Public School 3, to take effect on December 1, 1898.

Approved and to be reported to the School Board.

Public School 49.—Miss S. F. Buckelew appeared before the Committee and explained that during the course of six lessons in singing to be given before the New York Teachers Association, no charge will be made or received at the building for an admission fee.

Dr. McSweeny moved that with this understanding the request for the use of the room on days as heretofore named, be granted.

Adopted.

Outdoor Recreation League.—From Miss Winifred Buck, Secretary, submitting a plan the League propose to the Board, in regard to opening certain school-houses for recreation purposes.

Ordered, That the consideration of said communication be laid over.

Mr. Little moved that the President be requested to communicate with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and urge upon them the necessity of prompt action upon all propositions to lease premises for public school purposes.

Adopted.

New Public School 20.—The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, reported that on September 8th Mr. Patrick Dowd, Janitor of P. S. 13, was notified to prepare New P. S. 20 for the opening of the school sessions on September 12th, and is entitled to the salary of the position, exclusive of heating apparatus and rent, amounting to $184.80, which includes his services as Acting Janitor from September 8th to 30th.

Dr. McSweeny moved to recommend to the Board that the sum of $184.80 be paid to Mr. Dowd.

Adopted.

Public School 130.—The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, reported that Mr. Timothy J. O'Brien, Janitor of P. S. 23, was directed to take charge of P. S. 130, as Acting Janitor, on October 1st, and served as such until November 4th inclusive, and is therefore entitled to the salary of the position, exclusive of heating apparatus and rent, amounting to $66.87.

Mr. Eustis moved to recommend to the Board that Mr. O'Brien be paid the sum of $66.87 for the services rendered.

Adopted.

Arthur McMullin,
Secretary.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met this day at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, MCSWEENY and LITTLE—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held November 14th were amended on page 521, line twelve, by striking out "where" and inserting "whether."

The Minutes of the meeting held November 14th, as printed and amended, were then approved.

Public School 95.—From Edward F. Corey, offering to renew the lease of premises in East One hundred and twenty-fifth streets, for five years, from May 1, 1899, at an annual rental of $7,000. Present rent $5,000. (Minutes, p. 520).

Chairman to report.

Public School 48.—Consideration of the matter of fitting up a Kindergarten room in the first story, east wing, (Minutes, pp. 508 and 520).

A communication was received from the Committee on Studies, approving the proposition.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the room in question be fitted up for Kindergarten purposes.

Adopted.

Public School 12.—Dr. McSweeny moved that, if furniture suitable for a Kindergarten can be procured, the same be placed in the room on the west side of the second floor.

Adopted.

Public School 128.—Consideration of the proposal of Mr. Edward Rothschild, to renew the lease of premises on One hundred and twenty-fourth street, near Third avenue, for five years, from May 1, 1899, at a rental of $4,800 and water rent. Present rental $3,700. (Minutes, pp. 474, 482, 492, 500, 511, 512 and 521.)

The Chairman reported progress.

Public School 82.—From the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, recommending that the basement of the Church premises Nos. 353 and 355 East Sixty-eighth street be leased for the relief of P. S. 82. (Minutes, pp. 505, 513 and 522.)

A communication was received from the Committee on Studies, approving the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent.

Mr. Little moved that the School Board recommend to the Board of Education the renting of the premises in question for a term of two years with the privilege of a renewal for one year, provided the same can be secured at a reasonable rent.

Adopted.

Public School 2.—From the Committee on Studies, recommending that a room be fitted up for classes of cooking in the Girls' Grammar Department.

Dr. McSweeny moved that Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, make a full report on the recommendation of the Committee on Studies; also, as to the means of exit for the pupils in the Annex.

Adopted.

Public School 63.—From John H. Meyers, Principal, for permission to use the Gymnasium and the Library Room, until five o'clock on any school day.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Mr. Meyers be notified that if he will name one or two days in the week, and the hour, the request will be taken into consideration.

Adopted.

Quarterly report of Inspectors of the Sixteenth School District, for the quarter ending September 30th, recommending certain repairs in P. S. 27 and 73.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, for report.

Public School 51.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported, that under the provisions of the By-Laws, the janitor was entitled to an increase of salary, taking effect September 12th, 1898, on account of having additional yard-space and stoves to care for:—

Annual Salary.	Increase.
$1,976.	$130.=$2,106.

Approved.

Mixed High School.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported, that under the provisions of the By-Laws, the janitor was entitled to an increase of salary, taking effect February 1st, 1898, on account of additional stoves to care for:—

Annual Salary.	Increase.
$1,573.	$13.=$1,586.

Public School 1.—From Henry J. Heidenis, Principal, requesting that the Kindergarten room on the Catharine street

side of the building, and not in use, be fitted up for one of the lower classes of primary grades.

Referred to the Supervisor of Kindergartens for report, and upon receipt of such report, to be referred to the Committee on Studies.

Outdoor Recréation League —With reference to continuing the Recreation Schools on Saturdays; also, to establish reading rooms in the evenings.

Dr. McSweeny moved that it be referred to Dr. Stewart, Associate Borough Superintendent, for his opinion and recommendations.

Adopted.

Public School 93.—Matter of connecting P. S. 93 with its Annex, at No. 225 West Ninety-ninth street, by means of telephone. (Report of the Committee was recommitted November 16th, Jol. p. 1417.)

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Morgan, for a report as to the cost.

Communication from the Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, recommending that the Mansion in East River Park, foot of East Eighty-seventh street, be secured for the relief of P. S. 77, provided the Department of Parks can be persuaded to grant the Board the use of the building.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, for report.

Public School 56.—From the Inspectors of the Thirteenth School District reporting that three classes are being taught in the Assembly Room, without curtains or screens to divide them.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Morgan, to report as to whether the Principal desires curtains or screens to *be placed in* the Assembly Rooms.

Public School 105.—From The Educational Alliance, offering to rent the premises No. 624 Fifth street, "for a term begining December 1st, 1898, and ending August 1st, 1901, at at a rent of $4,000 per annum, reserving the privilege of occupying the entire building after four o'clock every day in the year; the expense of caring for, and heating the building to be divided between the Board of Education and the Hebrew Free School Association."

Mr. LITTLE moved that the Borough Superintendent of Schools be requested to report as to whether there is a pressure for school accommodation in the neighborhood, and whether, in his opinion, the premises should be rented.

Adopted.

Public School 63.—From John H. Myers, Principal, reporting that one of the gas ranges in the "culinary room" was completely wrecked on November 15.

Furniture Inspector, Mr. Cheney, reported that he believed the explosion was caused by improper handling of the range; also, that it would probably cost $12 or $15 to repair it.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the Deputy Superintendent of the School Buildings for the Borough of The Bronx, be requested to have the range repaired.

Adopted.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the Inspectors of the Building Department notify the proper authority in schools where ranges similar to the one above referred to are in use, that more care must be exercised, in the future, in handling such ranges.

Adopted.

Public School 9, Annex Girls' High School.—From Miss Teresa E. Bermholz, protesting against the bookroom in P. S. 9

being converted into an office for the Annex to the Girls' High School.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the Secretary be instructed to state to Miss Bermholz, that through inadvertence on the part of the Committee she was not notified of the proposed change.

Adopted.

The CHAIRMAN reported that on November 17th he received a communication from Dr. Damrosch, Supervisor of Music, addressed to the Superintendent of School Buildings, under date of November 14th, asking permission to hold musical conferences from three to four o'clock P. M., in the following buildings, and also that the janitors be notified, viz.:

P. S. 31: Thursday, November 17th.
P. S. 29: Friday, November 18th.
P. S. 12: Monday, November 21st.
P. S. 2, P. D.: Tuesday, November 22nd.

Communication was received too late to notify the janitor of P. S. 31, but by his direction, notices were sent to the janitors of P.S. 2, 12 and 29, and permission was granted for these buildings as requested by Dr. Damrosch.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Reports were received from the Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings for the Borough of Manhattan, on the recommendations made in the quarterly reports of the Inspectors, as follows:

BRONX.

29th District: P. S. 5, 43, 132.
34th " " 63, 97, 98, 101, 138, 139 and 148.
32nd " " 90, 115, 154 and 156.

MANHATTAN.

7th	District:	P. S.	22.
19th	"	"	55 and 56.
21st	"	"	58, 69 and 14.
27th	"	"	123.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the several Board of Inspectors be notified of the action taken on their respective recommendations.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met this day at the annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585 and 587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LITTLE and MCSWEENY—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held November 22, as printed, were adopted.

Public School 95.—From Edward F. Corey, offering to renew the lease of premises on East One hundred and twenty-fifth street, for five years from May 1, 1899, at an annual rental of $7,000. Present rental $5,000. (Minutes, pp. 520 and 525.)

The Chairman reported progress.

Public School 128.—Consideration of the proposal of Edward Rothschild, to renew the lease of premises on One hundred and twenty-fourth street, near Third avenue, for five years from May 1, 1899, at an annual rental of $4,800, and water rent. Present rent $3,750. (Minutes, pp. 474, 482, 492, 500, 511, 512, 521 and 526.)

The CHAIRMAN submitted a subsequent proposition from Mr. Rothschild agreeing to renew the lease of the premises for five

years from May 1, 1899, at an annual rental of $3,750, and water rent.

Mr. LITTLE moved that a report be presented to the School Board, recommending that the Board of Education renew the lease in question for a term of five years from May 1, 1899, at an annual rental of $3,750, and water rent.

Adopted.

Public School 2.—Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan made a report in the matter of fitting up a room for classes of cooking, in the Girls' Grammar Department; also, as to the means of exit for the Annex. (Minutes, p. 526.)

Mr. Morgan was instructed to consult with the Superintendent of School Buildings, and after such consultation to make a full report.

Public School 63.—From John H. Myers, Principal, for permission to use the Gymnasium and the Library Room, until 5 o'clock P.M., on any schoolday. (Minutes, p. 527.)

A communication was received from Mr. Myers in which he states that he cannot name any particular days on which he proposes to use the rooms in question.

Referred to the Chairman to consult with the Supervisors of Physical Training.

Quarterly reports of the School Inspectors of the Sixteenth and Twenty-fourth Districts recommending certain repairs to school buildings.

Referred to Acting Borough Superintendent Morgan.

Public School 1.—From Henry J. Heidenis, Principal, requesting that the kindergarten room on the Catherine street side

of the building, and not in use, be fitted up for one of the lower classes of the primary grades. (Minutes, pp. 527 and 528.)

The Supervisor of Kindergartens reported, recommending that the room be retained for a kindergarten.

Referred to the Committee on Studies for its opinion; also, that the attention of said Committee be called to the fact that kindergartens might be fitted up in old P. S. 1.

Outdoor Recreation League.—With reference to continuing the recreation schools on Saturdays; also, to establishing reading rooms in the evening (Minutes, p. 528).

Laid over, to await report of Associate Superintendent Stewart.

Public School 93.—Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported progress in the matter of the cost of connecting P. S. 93 with its annex by means of a telephone (Minutes, p. 528).

Public School 77.—Recommendation of Borough Superintendent Jasper, to secure the mansion in East River Park, foot of East Eighty-seventh street, for the relief of P. S. 77 (Minutes, p. 528).

Acting Superintendent Morgan reported, that if the premises should be secured from the Department of Parks, the general repairs and fitting up the same would cost in the vicinity of $4,000, and heating plant $3,000.

The CHAIRMAN reported that the new building at Seventy-ninth street and First avenue will be opened at a very early date.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the consideration of the matter be laid over, until the opening of the new school referred to by the Chairman.

Adopted.

Public School 56.—Superintendent Morgan was instructed to ascertain whether the curtains to divide the three classes in the assembly room had been ordered.

Public School 105.—From the Educational Alliance, offering to rent the premises No. 624 Fifth street. (For terms offered, see Minutes, p. 529.)

The Borough Superintendent of Schools reported: "All the schools in the vicinity have half-day classes, and some of them are refusing admission. The school nearest to said building, P. S. 105 on Fourth street, is refusing admission, and has eight half-day classes, seven of which are of 1A grade. The building contains nine rooms and was used on a previous occasion for school purposes."

Dr. McSweeny moved that a report be presented to the School Board, recommending the Board of Education to lease the premises in question, provided the same can be rented on reasonable terms.

Adopted.

Public Schools 5, 43, 46, 68 and 69.—From the Committee on Studies, referring the recommendation of the School Inspectors of the Twenty-ninth District to establish kindergartens near the schools named.

Mr. Little moved that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Studies, for its report as to the necessity of establishing kindergartens in the vicinity of the schools named.

Adopted.

Public School 53.—Mr. Peter Rado, Janitor, having been summoned, appeared before the Committee to answer the complaint of the Inspector, to the effect that he had not complied

with the By-Laws, inasmuch as he had failed to employ a female assistant to take care of the girls' yards and closets.

Mr. Rado complained that his salary would not permit him to go to any additional expense.

The CHAIRMAN admonished Mr. Rado and advised him to employ a female assistant at once.

The application of Frank E. Crosby, Janitor of P. S. 82, to be transferred to P. S. 158, was placed on file.

Mr. LITTLE moved that 1,000 copies of the rules regulating the duties of Janitors be printed.

Adopted.

Public School 108.—From Miss Frances A. Smith, Principal, with reference to securing the lots in the rear of the school.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that a report be presented to the School Board, recommending the Board of Education to have the closets of P. S. 108 removed as speedily as possible, and placed in the open space in the playground.

Adopted.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that a report be presented to the School Board, recommending the Board of Education to take the necessary steps to acquire title to the property No. 60 Mott street.

Adopted.

The CHAIRMAN presented a communication, received by him from Mr. Geo. W. Brettell, dated November 17, 1898, offering to rent the premises No. 232 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street for $2,500 per annum, and reported that he had rejected

the offer for the reason that the building did not comply with the Building Laws.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

A communication was received from Mr. Robert J. Hoguet, offering to lease the factory building corner One hundred and forty-third street and Amsterdam avenue for school purposes.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the offer be rejected.

Adopted.

Public School 162.—From the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, addressed to the Superintendent of School Buildings, requesting that, inasmuch as the Committee on Studies had approved a recommendation to establish an additional Kindergarten class in P. S. 162, the seats and desks be removed from the room.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Deputy Superintendent Morgan be notified to comply with the request.

Adopted.

Public School 12.—Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported with reference to the motion of Dr. McSweeny found at the top of page 526 of the Minutes, that there were eight classrooms available in this school now furnished with furniture suitable for the Grammar grade, and two additional in the assembly room.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that Deputy Superintendent Morgan transfer such furniture to the rooms referred to as may be available.

Adopted.

Public School 150.—Mr. LITTLE moved the Janitor of P. S. 150 be allowed the sum of $234 per annum for rent, taking effect on November 1, 1898.

Adopted.

Public School 109.—Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the increased rent allowance allowed the Janitor of P. S. 109, on November 7th (Minutes, p. 507), take effect on November 1st, 1898.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met this day at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LITTLE and MCSWEENY—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held November 28th, as printed, were approved.

Public School 95.—From Edward F. Corey, offering to renew the lease of premises Nos. 13, 15 and 17 East One hundred and Twenty-fifth street, for five years from May 1st, 1899, at an annual rental of $7,000—present rental $5,000. (See Minutes, pp. 520, 525 and 533).

MR. LITTLE moved it be recommended to School Board, that the Board of Education be requested to rent the premises in question for five years from May 1st, 1899, at an annual rental of $5,000, the price asked by the owner, $7,000, being deemed excessive.

Adopted.

Public School 2.—(See Minutes, pp. 526 and 534). Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan, in compliance with the directions of the Committee given Nov. 28, 1898, to report in the matter of fitting up a room for classes in cooking; also, as to means of exit from the Annex, reported, in reference to the Cooking-room, that the fitting up can be accomplished only by

putting in a water supply and new waste running to the cellar; also, suggested that classes for grammar girls be formed in said rooms; with reference to the exits, a redistribution of the stairways and classrooms has been made which is perfectly satisfactory to both the Principals concerned.

Ordered, That said report be placed on file.

Public School 63.—From John H. Meyers, Principal, relative to using the gymnasium and Library-room, any day, between 3 and 5 o'clock P. M. (Minutes, pp. 527 and 534.)

Mr. EUSTUS moved that Mr. Meyers be granted the use of the rooms in question, two days in each week, between the hours of 3 and 4:30 o'clock P. M., he to notify the Secretary of the days selected.

Adopted.

Public School 1.—From Henry J. Heidenis, Principal, requesting that the Kindergarten-room, not in use, be fitted up for one of the classes of the Primary grades. (Minutes, pp. 527, 528 and 534.)

Awaiting report from the Committee on Studies.

Outdoor Recreation League.—With reference to continuing the recreation schools on Saturday; also, to establish reading rooms in the evening. (Minutes, pp. 526 and 535.)

Awaiting for Associate Superintendent Stewart's report.

Public School 93.—With reference to connecting P. S. 93 with its Annex by means of a telephone. (Minutes, pp. 528 and 535.)

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan, reported the cost of making the connection by telephone would be as follows:

600 calls for	$ 90,	. . . .	per year.
900 " "	106,	. . . .	"
1000 " "	120,	. . . .	"

To connect by private telephone would be $150 per annum, payable monthly.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the report be referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, for his report and recommendation.

Adopted.

Public School 56.—(Minutes, p. 536). Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan, reported that curtains had been put up in Public School 56, to divide the classes in the Assembly room, on November 26, 1898.

Ordered, That said report be placed on file.

Public School 11.—The Superintendent of School Buildings, reported that under the provisions of the By-Laws, the janitor was entitled to an increase of $52 per annum in his salary, in consequence of having additional playground space to care for.

Approved to take effect on September 12, 1898.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings, requesting that the Minutes of the Committee of November 14, 1898, p. 522, last paragraphs, be amended, as he did not recommend the transfer of Janitors as therein stated.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the Minutes be amended on p. 522, by striking out the words at bottom of the page, "The Superintendent of School Buildings recommended the following transfer of janitors," and inserting the words "After a conference with

the Superintendent of Schools, the transfer of the following named janitors was ordered."

Adopted.

Truant School.—From the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, requesting the Superintendent of School Buildings, to rearrange the desks in the rear classroom of the Truant School.

Dr. MoSweeny moved that Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan, be notified to have the desks rearranged as requested.

Adopted.

Mr. Little moved that the janitor of the School to which the Principal is to be assigned to take charge, be notified to take the necessary steps for the care of the property being erected by Mr. E. B. Levy, at Van Nest, and which is to be leased to this Board upon the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Adopted.

Annex Public School 150.—306 East Ninety-sixth street, (Minutes, pp. 473, 482). The Chairman stated that the owner declines to lease the premises for a term of two years at an annual rental of $4,000, and alter the premises for school purposes, but would rent the same for three years, with privilege of renewal on the same terms.

Mr. Little moved to recommend to the School Board, that its action in recommending the leasing of the premises in question for two years, (Jol., pp. 1,259,-1,260,) be rescinded, and that said Board request the Board of Education to lease the premises for three years with a privilege of a renewal for one or two years, at an annual rental of $4,000, the owner to alter the premises for school purposes.

Adopted.

Public School 74.—From Thomas Carroll, Janitor, asking for compensation for care of the fifth floor of the school, formerly the Janitor's apartments.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan, to confer with Mr. John Walsh, Principal of the School, and report as to how soon he is likely to make use of the rooms in question.

A communication was received from Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reporting the following contracts for work, which are to be executed when bonds are authorized to be issued by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, viz:

IMPROVING LOTS, P. S. 96, ... $7,373
Awarded by Committee, Jan. 24, 1898.
Approved by Board of Education, Jan. 26, 1898.

IMPROVING LOTS, P. S. 3, ... $13,500
Awarded by Committee, Jan. 31, 1898.
Approved by Board of Education, Jan. 31, 1898.

IMPROVING LOTS, P. S. 113, ... $6,700
Awarded by Committee, Jan. 31, 1898.
Approved by Board of Education, Jan. 31, 1898.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the School Board be requested to urge the Board of Education to secure the necessary funds.

Adopted.

Public School 48.—From Miss Sadie E. Baird, Principal, requesting that a Kindergarten room be fitted up.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan be requested to have the room fitted up.

Adopted.

Public School 93.—From Mrs. Emma S. Landrine, Principal Female Department, submitting estimate of the William M. Crane

Co., to repair the Acme Water Heater in her department for eleven dollars ($11).

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan to have the repairs made.

From Mrs. Sarah A. Barry, of the Domestic Science Committee of the "New York Household Economic Company" for permission to use the cooking room and utensils in P. S. 28, No. 257 West Fortieth street, Monday evenings, the society bearing expense of gas, janitor and materials.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Mrs. Barry be notified that the Committee regrets not having the power to grant the request.

Adopted.

From Mrs. M. G. Van Rensselaer, President Public Education Association, for permission to use four classrooms and the indoor playgrounds in P. S. 7, on Saturday nights from 8 to 10 o'clock; also four classrooms and the indoor playgrounds in New P. S 20, on Saturday nights from 8 to 10 o'clock, and the playgrounds only, on Wednesday nights from 7 to 10 o'clock.

Referred to Dr. MCSWEENY for report.

Public School 138.—From Miss Eliza A. Caterson, Principal, requesting that two classrooms be arranged for on the second floor of the building.

Referred to Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, and Acting Borough Superintendent Robinson, for report.

Public School 54.—The Chairman reported that he had excused the absence of the Janitor of P. S. 54 for three hours on December 1st, to permit him to attend the funeral of a member of his family.

The action of the Chairman was approved.

Public School 58.—From John Elliott, Janitor, requesting that he be transferred to P. S. 153.

Mr. LITTLE moved to recommend to the School Board that the request be granted.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted a report nominating the following-named persons to fill the positions of Janitors of Public Schools of this City, as provided by the Charter, Section 1075, viz.:

Frank M. Commer,	No. 696 Third avenue.
William H. Young,	No. 58 East 120th street.

Also, reporting that the following-named Janitors who have made application for promotion, are capable of running high pressure apparatus, viz.:

Alfred Hawes,	Public School 9.
Gantio Alexander,	" " 21.
Daniel Riordan,	" " 37.
Edward Cassin,	" " 77.
Frank E. Crosby,	" " 82.

Also, that the following-named Janitors are capable of running low pressure apparatus, and are desirous of transfers, viz.:

William J. McLaughlin,	Public School 136.
James F. Barrett,	" " 112.
John H. Fagan,	" " 109.
John Elliott,	" " 58.

The Committee decided to recommend to the School Board the following transfers of Janitors:

School.	Name.	Transferred from
58.	John H. Fagan,	Public School 109.
158.	Daniel Riordan,	" " 37.
37.	Gantio Alexander,	" " 21.
21.	Wm. J. McLaughlin,	" " 136.
136.	James F. Barrett,	" " 112.

Public School 125.—From the School Inspectors of Ninth District, reporting that there are not nearly enough seats in the lower Assembly Room for all the children to sit during the general exercises, and recommending that the settees now in the top Assembly Room be taken down stairs, and new seats with desks be provided above, for use of the two classes that occupy that room.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools for any recommendation he may desire to make.

Public School 93.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth School District, recommending that transom shades be placed on the south side of the building.

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan recommended that the shades be supplied.

Mr. Morgan was instructed to see that the shades are supplied.

Public School 13.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth School District, recommending that four hanging cabinets be supplied.

Referred to the Chairman.

Public School 77.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth School District, reporting the Janitor to be remiss in his duties.

Mr. Little moved that the Board of Inspectors be requested to make a specific complaint, in order that the same may be investigated.

Adopted.

Public Schools 77 and 53.—From the School Inspectors of

the Twenty-fourth District, requesting that troughs for mixing clay be supplied.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan be instructed to transfer to these schools the unused troughs now in P. S. 103.

Adopted.

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported on the disposition made of the recommendations of the Inspectors of the Ninth, Sixteenth, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth School Districts in their quarterly reports.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the Inspectors of the Districts named, be notified of the contents of the report of Mr. Morgan.

Adopted.

Public School 53.—A communication was received from Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan, reporting that Mr. Henry Rado had complied with the by-law requiring a female assistant to be employed to take charge of the girls' yard and closets.

Placed on file.

Public School 37.—From Daniel Riordan, Janitor, asking to be transferred to P. S. 158.

Placed on file.

Public School 53.—Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported that he had excused the absence from duty, of the Janitor, for the afternoon of December 5th, after half-past one P. M., to permit him to attend the funeral of a member of his family.

The action of Mr. Morgan was approved.

Acting Deputy Superintendent Mr. Morgan reported that

the following named persons were entitled to payment for services rendered as acting janitors, viz.:

Thomas Walsh, Janitor of P. S. 25, for acting in P. S. 21 October 1 to November 4, 1898, both inclusive, $105.40.

Wm. J. Oliver, P. S. 81, November 1 to 30, 1898, both inclusive, $153.

Dr. McSweeny moved to recommend to the School Board that the bills be paid.

Adopted.

Arthur McMullin,
Secretary.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LITTLE, MCSWEENY—4, and Mr. JASPER.

The Minutes of the meeting held December 5th, were amended as follows:

Page 544.—First line on top of the page, by striking out "Schools" and inserting "School Buildings."

Page 542.—After the announcement, "**Public School 63**—John H. Myers, Principal, etc., etc," insert the following:

"A report was received from the Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, recommending that permission to use these rooms should not be extended beyond two days in the week, and the rooms should be vacated by half-past four o'clock; also, that the permission be given, provided teachers, volunteering, shall be present on each day the rooms are used No compulsion, direct, or indirect, to be used to cause the attendance of either pupil or teachers.

The Minutes of the meeting held December 5th, 1898, as printed and amended, were approved.

Public School 1.—From Henry J. Heidenis, Principal, requesting that the Kindergarten room, not in use, be fitted up for one of the classes of the Primary Grades. (Minutes, pp. 527, 528 and 542.)

Awaiting report from the Committee on Studies.

Outdoor Recreation League.—With reference to continuing the recreation schools on Saturday; also, to establish reading rooms in the evening. (Minutes, pp. 526, 535 and 542.)

Mr. LITTLE moved that the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, make a full report as to the propriety of permitting the Public School buildings and premises to be used for purposes other than those directly connected with the Public School system.

Adopted.

Public School 93.—With reference to connecting P. S. 93 with its annex by means of a telephone. (Minutes, pp. 510, 528, 535, 542 and 543).

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported that the proposition did not meet with his approval. That "arrangements could be made by which the Principal or her assistant could visit the annex at stated intervals. In case the presence of the Principal were needed at some time not specially assigned, a message could readily be sent to the short distance from the annex to the main school. * * *"

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the request to connect P. S. 93 with its annex, by means of a telephone, be denied.

Adopted.

Public School 74.—From Thomas Carroll, Janitor, asking for compensation for the care of the fifth floor of the school, formerly the janitor's apartments. (Minutes, p. 545.)

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan, reported that Mr. John Walsh, Principal of Public School 74, did not contemplate occupying the rooms in question, at the present time.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that Mr. Morgan report to this Committee the amount of compensation which would be allowed,

under the by-laws, to the janitor, under the measurement system as provided in the by-laws.

Adopted.

Public School 7 and New Public School 20.—From Mrs. M. G. VanRenssalear, President of the Public Education Association, for permission to use four classrooms and the indoor playgrounds in Public School 7. on Saturday nights from 8 to 10 o'clock; also, four class rooms and the indoor playgrounds in New Public School 20, on Saturday nights from 8 to 10 o'clock, and the playgrounds only, on Wednesday nights from 7 to 10 o'clock. (Minutes, p. 546.)

Dr. McSweeny made a verbal report objecting to the use of the Public School 7, under the system at present being pursued.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper.

Public School 138.—From Miss Eliza A. Caterson, Principal, requesting that two classrooms be arranged for on the second floor of the building. (Minutes, p. 546.)

Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, submitted a report, recommending that the request of the Principal be granted, there being now in the school 264 pupils, taught in six classes, and the school is gradually increasing in numbers; also, recommending that measures be taken to provide, by enlargement of the building, for four additional classrooms which will be needed in the near future.

Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, reported that the space alluded to is directly under the roof and is occupied by four lines of posts and girders that serve to sustain the roof, and to remove these would be impracticable.

Mr. Eustis moved that the consideration of the matter be laid over until the next meeting of the Committee.

Adopted.

Public School 13.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth School District, recommending that four hanging cabinets be supplied. (Minutes, p. 548.)

Referred to the Chairman.

Public School 125.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth District, with reference to re-arranging furniture, seats, etc. (Minutes, p. 548.)

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, presented a report, recommending that additional seats be placed in the lower assembly room for the use of the children during the general exercises, and that the top assembly room be fitted up with desks for the use of two classes.

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported that the changes as recommended had been made.

Ordered, That the recommendation of the Inspectors and Mr. Jasper's report be placed on file.

Public School 77.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth District, reporting the janitor as being remiss in his duties. (Minutes, p. 548.)

Awaiting a specific complaint from the Inspectors.

Public School 10.—On recommendation of the Chairman, Mr. LITTLE moved that the attention of the Superintendent of School Buildings be called to P. S. 10 and that he be requested:

1. To place a railing around the outside walls.
2. Furnish a wardrobe on the third floor.
3. To remove the discoloring on the brickwork at visitors' main entrance.
4. That he take steps to prevent furniture of inferior quality being supplied by the State Prisons' Commission.

Adopted.

Mr. Little moved to recommend to the School Board, the transfer of the following-named janitors, to take effect on January 1, 1899:

Thomas Leonard, from P. S. 147 to P. S. 42.
John T. Jameson, from P. S. 42 to P. S. 147.

Adopted.

Old Public School 20.—Dr. McSweeny moved that the matter of supplying additional closets and a retiring room for the female teachers be referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan for report.

Adopted.

Public School 95.—From S. Morris Pryor, offering the sale of premises 113, 115 and 117 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street at a market price of $115,000. (This communication was received by reference from Mr. Jacob W. Mack.) The street numbers are printed as written in the communication.

Mr. Little moved that Mr. Mack be notified that in the opinion of this committee it is not desirable to purchase the property in question it not being suitably located, aside from the fact that the lots are not of sufficient size to permit of the erection of a school building.

Adopted.

Public School 79.—From August Raegener, janitor, accompanied by a physician's certificate, asking to be excused for absence from duty November 28 to December 2, both inclusive.

Mr. Eustis moved that said absence be excused.

Adopted.

From T. O. Hague, offering to sell the premises Nos. 624–628 West One hundred and thirty-first street for the sum of $30,000.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that the offer be rejected, the premises not being required for school purposes.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—From the Alumni Association, requesting the use of rooms in P. S. 77 on December 17th.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the request be granted.

Adopted.

Public School 52.—From Mrs. Mary Miller, Janitrix, approved by the Principal, requesting that she be excused for five days' absence during the month of November, caused by the illness and death of her son.

Mr. EUSTIS moved that said absence be excused.

Adopted.

Public School 48.—From Miss S. E. Baird, Principal, requesting that the Kindergarten rooms, recently authorized, be furnished.

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported that the matters referred to are being attended to.

Placed on file.

Public School 149.—Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported that the Janitor was residing in Brooklyn.

Ordered, That the Janitor be notified to attend the next meeting of this Committee.

Truant School.—Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported that the changes in furniture, recommended by the Borough Superintendent at the last meeting of the Committee (Minutes, p. 544), had been attended to.

Placed on file.

New Public School 20.—From the Acting Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Morgan, calling the attention of the Committee to the necessity of additional exits on the Rivington street front of the building.

The Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Snyder, reported verbally, that the additional exits are not needed.

Placed on file.

Public School 93.—From the Acting Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Morgan, reporting that the Janitor states that "there never was anything the matter with the Acme Water Heater, and it has worked all right ever since it was put in." (See Minutes, pp. 545 and 546.)

Placed on file.

Public Schools 53 and 77.—The Acting Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Morgan, reported that the clay modeling troughs not in use in P. S. 103 had been transferred to P. S. 53 and 77. (See Minutes, pp. 548 and 549.)

Placed on file.

Public School 71.—The Chairman called up the action of the Committee taken October 10th (Minutes, p. 470), authorizing the fitting up of the Inspector's room for a classroom.

Mr. Eustis moved that Acting Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Morgan, consult with the Superintendent of School Buildings,

with a view to having the recommendation of this Committee carried out, if feasible.

Adopted.

No. 722 Fifth Street.—From Falk Rhonheimer, offering to rent the parlor floor of No. 722 Fifth street, adjoining Public School 15.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. LITTLE and MCSWEENY—3.

The Minutes of the meeting held December 12th, as printed, were approved.

Public School 1.—From Mr. Henry J. Heidenis, Principal, requesting that the Kindergarten room, not in use, be fitted up for one of the classes of the Primary grades. (Minutes, pp. 527, 528, 542 and 551.)

Awaiting report from the Committee on Studies.

Outdoor Recreation League.—With reference to continuing the recreation schools on Saturdays; also to establish reading rooms in the evenings. (Minutes, pp. 526, 535, 542, 552.)

Awaiting report from Associate Superintendent Stewart.

Public School 74.—From Thomas Carroll, Janitor, to be allowed additional salary under the By-Laws, for the care of the rooms not in use on the fifth floor. (Minutes, pp. 545 and 552.)

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported, that the Principal states that he has sufficient accommodation for all the classes at present in the school and does not need the additional

rooms, and, furthermore, says he cannot speak definitely for the coming year whether he will need the rooms then or not.

The Janitor requests that $8 per payment, or $104 per year, be added to his annual salary, which these rooms, if occupied, would entitle him to.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Mr. Carroll be allowed $52 per year, or $4 per payment, dating on December 1, 1898, until such time as the rooms above referred to are occupied for school purposes.

Adopted.

Public School 7 and New Public School 20.—From Mrs. M. G. Van Rensselaer, President of the Public Education Association, to use four classrooms and the indoor playgrounds of P. S. 7 and New P. S. 20. (Minutes, pp. 546 and 553.)

Awaiting report from the Borough Superintendent of Schools.

Public School 138.—From Miss Elizabeth A. Caterson, Principal, requesting that additional classrooms be arranged for on the second floor of the building. (Minutes, pp. 546 and 553.) (See reports of the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, and Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, on p. 553 of the Jol.)

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan submitted a supplementary report, transmitting plans and specifications for providing three additional classrooms on the floor named.

Mr. LITTLE moved the School Board be requested to recommend to the Board of Education that the three additional classrooms above referred to be provided.

Adopted.

***Public* School 77.**—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-

fourth School District, reporting the janitor as being remiss in the discharge of his duties (Minutes, pp. 548 and 554).

The CLERK informed the Committee that the Board of School Inspectors had been requested to file a specific complaint, in order that the same may be investigated.

The further consideration of the subject was laid over.

Public School 20.—Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reported progress in the matter of supplying additional closets and a retiring room for the female teachers (Minutes, p. 555.)

Public School 15.—From Falk Rhonheimer, offering to rent the parlor floor of No. 722 Fifth street, adjoining P. S. 15 (Minutes, p. 558.)

Awaiting report of the Borough Superintendent of Schools.

Public School 149.—Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, reported the janitor, Elbert L'Hommedieu, for a violation of Section 46, sub-division 46, of the by-laws regulating the duties of janitors, in that he resided in Williamsburgh, being more than 500 yards from the school building (Minutes, p. 556.)

Mr. L'Hommedieu, was presented and stated that he resided in Williamsburgh.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Mr. L'Hommedieu be notified that he must secure a residence within 500 yards of the school building on or before January 1, 1899, thereby complying with the provisions of the by-law above referred to,

Adopted.

Public Schools 5, 43, 46, 68 and 69. — Report from the Committee on Studies recommending the establishment of Kindergartens near the schools named (Minutes, p. 536.)

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the communication be referred to the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx, for report and selection of localities.

Adopted.

Public School 34.—From the Secretary of the Board of Education, notifying the Committee that in response to the request made, a contract for improving the sanitary condition of the lots in the rear of this school has been made, and the specifications call for fencing in the property.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Public School 143.—No. 599 East One hundred and fortieth street, from the Secretary of the Board of Education, transmitting a copy of the report of the Engineer of the Finance Department, made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, relative to leasing these premises, the rental of which, $1,800 per-annum, he, the Engineer, considers excessive; also that the Comptroller has reported to said Commissioners, that he will communicate with the owner to see if arrangements cannot be made to lease the premises at a reduced rental.

Mr. LITTLE moved that a report be presented to the School Board of these Boroughs, reciting the fact that these premises have been leased for school purposes since April 15, 1896, at an annual rental of $1,800, the lease having expired on October 15, 1898. We still occupy the premises, the school having an average attendance of 308 pupils, and if the premises are not retained the school will have to be discontinued, there being no accomodation for the children in the schools in the surrounding territory. Other quarters at a less rental cannot be secured;

also, that on September 21, 1898 (Jol., p. 1162), this Board requested the Board of Education to renew the lease from October 15th, and under date of December 15, 1898, the Secretary of the Board of Education transmitted communication above referred to.

Adopted.

Public School 88.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that under the provisions of the By-Laws, the janitor was entitled to an increase of salary on account of additional yard space to care for, taking effect December 5, 1898, viz.:

Annual Salary.	Increase.	
$2,301 00	$65 00	$2,366 00

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the increase of salary be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 63.—(See Minutes, pp. 527, 534, 542 and 552). From John H. Myers, Principal, designating Tuesdays and Thursdays as the days for using the Gymnasium between 3 and 4:30 P. M.; and if the resolution of the Committee, adopted December 5th (Minutes, p. 542), permits of the use of the Library Room on two other days of the week requesting that Mondays and Wednesdays be designated; but if the resolution means that both Gymnasium and Library must be used on the same days, designating Tuesday and Thursday.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that this Committee designate Tuesdays and Thursdays as the days for use of the Gymnasium and Library, under the terms as reported by the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, recorded on page 552 of the Minutes, and that Mr. Myers be so notified.

Adopted.

Public School 75.—From the Associate Alumni, fixing

Friday evening, December 30th, as the date of meeting to be held in the assembly hall of P. S. 75.

The CLERK reported that at a meeting of this Committee held October 31st (Minutes, p. 503), the Associate Alumni were requested to notify the Committee of the day and hour at which they proposed to hold the reunion.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the Associate Alumni be granted the use of P. S. 75, on the date specified.

Adopted.

Public School 153.—From John Elliott, Janitor, for permission to reside outside of the limit of 500 yards from school building, he not being able to procure apartments within the required distance; also, that his rent allowance be increased to $300 per annum.

Mr. Elliott was present and heard.

Mr. LITTLE moved that request to reside beyond the prescribed limit be granted until the further orders of this Committee, and that the consideration of matter of increased rent allowance be laid over.

Adopted.

Public School 153.—Mr. LITTLE moved that the subject of erecting a building for a residence of the janitor, on the adjoining lot, be referred to Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, for report.

Adopted.

Public School 67.—Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, reported that George F. Malone, of No. 115 West Forty-sixth street, complains that Janitor Gonnoud has

opened a small shop or lunch room on the first story, he not having received permission so to do.

Ordered, That Mr. Gonnoud be notified to be present at the next meeting of this Committee.

Public School 162.—An application was received from Honora R. Sweeny, Principal reporting Chas. F. Norton, Janitor, for not reporting for duty at 10 o'clock A. M., on Monday, December 6th.

The CHAIRMAN stated that Mr. Norton, was out of town on Sunday, December 5th, and was delayed on Monday morning by the severe snow storm.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that Mr. Norton's absence be excused with pay.

Adopted.

Public School 44.—From Mrs. Mary Moran, widow of the late janitor, requesting that the fines imposed upon her husband in March last: $32.50 and $25, respectively be remitted.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Mrs. Moran be notified that while the Committee expresses its heartfelt sympathy with her in her affliction, it can find no way in which to open the matter which took place so long ago, and therefore the request is denied.

Adopted.

Public School 10.—From the Association of graduates for permission to use the Kindergarten rooms of P. S. 10, on the evening of December 30, 1898, from 8 to 10 o'clock, approved by the Principal of the School, Teacher of the "High School" Class Teacher of the "College Class", and teacher of 7 A.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the request be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

Adopted.

Public School 4.—An application was received from Philip Schupbach, Janitor, to be transferred to Public School 160.

Mr. LITTLE moved to recommend to the School Board that the transfer be made, to take effect on January 1st, 1899.

Adopted.

Public School 7.—From Wm. J. Knipe, reporting David Knipe, Janitor, as being in very ill health.

Placed on file, and Mr. Knipe to report to this Committee on recovery of his health.

Public School 72.—From Geo. W. Thatcher, Janitor, dated Dec. 12th, reporting his absence for eight days in consequence of ill health, and asking to be excused for such absence.

The Principals of both departments reported that they were very much pleased with the care the building received during the Janitor's absence.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the absence of Mr. Thatcher be excused with pay.

Adopted.

Public School 99.—From John J. Dolan, Janitor, approved by the Principal, asking to be excused for absence with pay on December 13th, caused by an accident.

Granted.

Public School 10.—From Ernest R. Birkens, Principal, application for an iron railing to be placed at the stoop line on the St. Nicholas Avenue side, and on 117th Street side of the building.

Placed on file.

Public School 81.—Bill of William J. Oliver, Acting Janitor, amounting to $78, for services rendered in September, 1897, in cleaning and preparing the new building for occupancy on September 12th, 1897.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that Mr. Oliver was directed to prepare the building for occupancy, and that the bill was reasonable.

Dr. McSWEENY moved to recommend to the School Board that the bill be paid.

Adopted.

Public School 1.—From E. H. Terwilliger, Janitor, asking that his absence on December 15th, at 10 o'clock A. M., be excused, he having been called upon to testify in court.

Granted.

Public School 50.—From Miss Louisa H. Clausnitzer, offering to sell the premises Nos. 216 and 218 East 21st Street for the purpose of enlarging the site occupied by the school.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the communication be placed on file, and the owner be notified that the property is not required for school purposes.

Adopted.

Annex Public School 78.—From Taylor & Co., offering to rent the premises No. 538 East 119th Street, for a term of three or five years, at an annual rental of $800.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, for report.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the minutes of the meeting held July 12th be corrected at the top of page 399 by striking out the figures "$32.50" and insert in lieu thereof "$32.54."

Adopted.

Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, was requested to report on the propriety of permitting the use of school buildings for purposes other than those connected directly with the school system (Minutes, p. 552).

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1898.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LITTLE, MCSWEENY and O'BRIEN—5.

The Minutes of the meeting held December 19th, as printed, were approved.

New Public School 1.—From Henry J. Heidenis, Principal, requesting that the Kindergarten room, not in use, be fitted up for one of the classes of the Primary grade. (Minutes, pp. 527, 528, 542, 551 and 559.)

A communication was received from the Committee on Studies recommending the establishment of a Kindergarten class in old P. S. 1.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the Committee on Studies be requested to report on the propriety of fitting up the Kindergarten room in new P. S. 1 for a class of pupils of a primary grade.

Adopted.

Public School 7 and New Public School 20.—From Mrs. M. G. Van Renssalear, President of the Public Education Association, for permission to use four classrooms and the indoor playgrounds in these schools on Saturday nights between 8 and

10 o'clock, and the indoor playgrounds on Wednesday nights between 7 and 10 o'clock, for the use of clubs. (Minutes, pp. 546, 553 and 560.)

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to furnish this Committee with an estimate of the probable damage to the buildings, should the request of the association be granted; also what would be the effect from a sanitary point of view, with regard to keeping the premises in a cleanly condition and properly ventilated.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth School District, reporting the Janitor as being remiss in the discharge of his duties. (Minutes, pp. 548, 554 and 560.)

The Clerk informed the Committee that the Board of Inspectors had not, as yet, filed a specific complaint as requested by the Committee December 5th, 1898.

The Clerk was instructed to again request the Inspectors to file the complaint.

Public School 20.—In the matter of supplying additional closets and retiring room for the female teachers (see Minutes, pp. 558 and 561), Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings Mr. Morgan reported that plans and specifications were being prepared for making the improvements in question.

Public Schools 5, 43, 46, 68 and 89.—From the Committee on Studies, approving of the establishment of kindergartens near the schools mentioned, and requesting this Committee to find suitable quarters and equipment for the same. (Minutes, pp. 536 and 562.)

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the Committee on Studies be notified that recommendation has been made to the Board of Educa-

tion to rent places selected in the vicinity of P. S. 5, 43, 46 and 89, for kindergarten purposes, but that suitable quarters cannot be found in the neighborhood of P. S. 68.

Adopted.

Public School 153.—Matter of erecting a dwelling house for the Janitor on the adjoining lot.

Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, reported it not feasible at present to erecting the building in question.

Ordered, That the item be taken from the calendar.

Public School 67.—Consideration of the complaint of George F. Malone, against the Janitor, Mr. Gounoud, for keeping a lunch counter in the school building. (Minutes, pp. 564 and 565.)

Messrs. Malone and Gounoud were present and heard, after which the complaint was dismissed.

Public School 78.—Offer of Taylor & Co. to rent the premises No. 538 East One hundred and nineteenth street, for three or five years, at $800 per annum. (Minutes, p. 567.)

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported the rent excessive and the premises not suitable for school purposes.

Dr. McSweeny moved that the offer be rejected.

Adopted.

Harlem Evening High School Literary Society.—For permission to hold meetings in the Assembly Room of M. D. P. S. 103, on each Friday evening during the term of the Evening High School, from 9:15 to 10 o'clock, without expense to said society, etc.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the request be granted, provided the society make arrangements with the Janitor as to his compensation, this Board having no funds for the purpose.

Adopted.

Inspectors Twenty-second District.—Requesting this Board to have the street in front of the Jones Memorial School, No. 407 E st Seventy-third street, asphalted.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Inspector be notified that the school referred to is not in within the jurisdiction of this Board.

Adopted.

Public School 15.—Offer of Falk Rhonheimer offering to rent the parlor floor of No. 722 Fifth street, adjoining P. S. 15. (Minutes, p. 558.)

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, presented a report, stating that "as there are 186 pupils in part time classes in this school, a necessity exists for securing additional school accommodation in this locality." He recommended that the premises be secured, provided the Building Department reports favorably as to their suitability for school purposes.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan for report.

The analysis of quarterly report of the Inspectors of the Sixth School District was referred to the Chairman and Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan.

Public School 2.—From Mr. Jacob W. Mack, submitting an application from the graduates of P. S. 2, signed by Geo. Friedlander, asking permission to meet in school building to organize and perfect the Alumni Association, and requesting that a pass be issued to use a room in the building on Saturday evenings *about two* or three times a year.

Mr. LITTLE moved that Mr. Friedlander be notified that a pass cannot be issued, it being against an established rule of the Committee not to allow associations to meet in the public school buildings at indefinite times, and request him to agree upon a specific date and hour.

Adopted.

Out-door Recreation League.—With reference to continuing the recreation schoolroom Saturdays; also, to establish reading rooms in the evenings. (Minutes, pp. 528, 535, 542, 552 and 559.)

The following report made to the Borough Superintendent by Dr. Seth T. Stewart, Associate Borough Superintendent, was submitted:

Hon. JOHN JASPER,
Superintendent of Schools,
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx:

DEAR SIR: I submit to you a communication received from the Committee on Sites and Buildings, through Secretary McMullin, in regard to a further communication, also inclosed, from the Outdoor Recreation League, concerning playgrounds and reading rooms, and the following is my recommendation in the premises:

On page 883 of the Minutes of the Board of Education, meeting of May 19th, 1897, the following communication is found:

"CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, *May* 18, 1897.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

I have the honor to transmit the following, adopted by the Board of Superintendents at its last meeting of May 17th, upon the report and recommendation of its Committee on School Management:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Board of Superintendents that the Board of Education would render a considerable service to the cause of public education by establishing a system of vacation schools for children.

Resolved, That the course of study in said schools should consist largely of manual training, reading, writing, natural sciences, and such other studies as shall cultivate the love of nature and good literature.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Board of Superintendents that the school houses may well be used in the cause of education as neighborhood centers, providing reading rooms, branch offices of public libraries, etc., under the charge of custodians, under such restrictions and rules and regulations as the Board of Education may establish.

Resolved, That the Board of Education be requested to secure the co-operation of the Department of Parks and the Trustees of the Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. with a view to the utilization of the parks for the purposes of promoting the study of nature, with special reference to the natural sciences.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN JASPER,

City Superintendent and

Chairman of the Board of School Superintendents."

Since this time, the work of vacation schools and playgrounds has been commenced and carried on with great success. Library work—and, to a small extent, the work of reading rooms—was carried on in connection with the vacation schools and playgrounds.

The other part of the work, however, referred to in this resolution, by the Committee on School Management, and approved by the Board of School Superintendents, has not yet been attempted. I believe, as I believed at the time I was Chairman of the Committee on School Management, that the work proposed in the communication thus referred to, and also in the

communication of the Outdoor Recreation League, is a good work. It will, in my judgment, be wise to establish reading rooms, as proposed, and playgrounds for the use of children on Saturdays.

I do not know that any argument is needed in favor of these two lines of work, other than the large appreciation by the public of the similar work already undertaken by the School Board.

If this meets with your approval, kindly forward the same to Secretary McMullin for the use of the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

Respectfully yours,

SETH T. STEWART,
Associate Superintendent.

The following report from Dr. A. W. Edson, Associate Borough Superintendent, addressed to Borough Superintendent Jasper, was presented :

NEW YORK CITY, *November* 19, 1898.

Hon. JOHN JASPER,
Superintendent of Schools,
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

DEAR SIR: I accordance with your request I visited School Building No. 20 (old building) on Christie street, last Saturday evening, from 7.45 until 10 o'clock, for the purpose of inspecting the work of the Boys' Clubs under the direction of the Public Education Society.

Six clubs of from 15 to 20 boys each, gather at this building Saturday evenings, two of these for purely literary work, debate, etc., and four for play and literary work. The two playgrounds are utilized by two of the clubs for the first hour, shinney and football being the favorite games, while the two clubs are having their debates in the classrooms above. At nine o'clock, these clubs exchange places, so that the boys of the four clubs have one hour of debate and one hour of play.

I was very favorably impressed with all that I observed at the building. The boys played with enthusiasm and entered into

the literary work in the classrooms with much good sense. Their literary programs are varied and well carried out.

Each club has a constitution and by-laws, officers, and some older person as Director to see that everything is carried along in proper shape.

Miss Winifred Buck of the Public Education Society is present each evening to see that everything is done properly and the building well cared for. She reports that she knows of several other Clubs that are anxious to secure quarters in the school buildings. She desires to have only four clubs in each building, so that the play and exercise feature may be made prominent.

I think that the buildings asked for should be granted to the Society for the purpose indicated, and that it would be perfectly safe to allow them the use of the piano for music and the hall for general exercises once a month.

It seems to me that the rooms not used should be locked and that the Janitor, not his assistant, should be present during the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. EDSON,
Associate Superintendent.

The consideration of the matter was laid over, to be considered with the report to be made by the Borough Superintendent as to the propriety of permitting the use of school buildings for purposes other than those connected directly with the school system.

Public School 153.—A report was presented by the Chairman, signed by Inspector Cameron, giving the location of premises which can be hired for the janitor's residence.

Dr. MCSWEENY moved that the rent allowance of the janitor be increased from $221 to $299 per annum, to take effect on January 1st, 1899.

Adopted.

Public School 52.—From Theo. B. Barringer, a complaint against the janitrix.

Ordered, That Mr. Barringer be notified to be present at the next session of the Committee.

Public School 149.—From E. A. L'Hommedieu, janitor, stating that he had rented apartments within 500 yards of the school building, but could not take possession until the 6th or 8th of January next.

Dr. McSWEENY moved that time allowed Mr. L'Hommedieu, at a meeting of this Committee, held December 19 (Minutes, p. 561), to secure premises within 500 yards of the school, be extended to January 9th, 1899.

Adopted.

Public School 79.—From August Raegener requesting that his absence from duty on December 14th and 15th be excused. (Application is accompanied by a physician's certificate.)

Dr. McSWEENY moved that the absence of August Raegener be excused, with pay.

Adopted.

Boys' High School.—From T. F. Stapleton, janitor, requesting that he be granted a leave of absence for December 27th, 28th and 29th, 1898.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the request be granted, with pay.

Adopted.

Public School 116.—From Miss Sara J. J. McCaffery, principal, dated December 23d, reporting the janitor of the school ill for the past three or four weeks.

Placed on file.